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A BILL TO ABOLISH SANTA

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THERE are those with a passion for truth who would banish Santa Claus from Christmas. These unromantic realists would heartily concur in the attitude of the Puritan Colonel Matthews, who, on Christmas Day, 1656, begged a short bill in the British House of Commons "to prevent the superstition of this day." If such a bill had been passed, the festive atmosphere of Christmas would have changed to gloom. Homes would be bare of holly; carolers would not be heard singing of "Good King Wenceslas" and children would wait in vain for the man with the sack of gifts for good girls and boys.

We like to cherish the lovely myths and legends of Christmas. The delightful mingling of fact with fiction sustains the sweet mysteries and tender romance of the yuletide season. There is a little peril in the pardonable deceptions we practise, but we know that, just as the children outgrow the world of fairies and fantasies, so they ultimately grow into the world of reality and come to know the facts behind the fiction. The reality behind the romantic remains eternally true.

Divine Mystery

Santa Claus is, after all, a Christmas mystery play which originally dramatized the essentials in Christian doctrine. Its origin goes back into the fourth century when Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, in Lycia, gave his name to the tradition of giving secret gifts of three purses of gold to provide penurious noblemen's daughters with dowries to save them from their shame. The good bishop's benevolence was marked by theologians as truly expressive of God's Christmas wonder-gift of His Son Jesus. The older legend of the sun-god riding out of Asgard on his white horse laden with gifts for men was borrowed, and lands of ice and snow and a reindeer still become the setting for the Eastern Mediterranean Bishop, and the traditional story is complete.

Do origins matter? The blessed symbol of Santa Claus enacted in millions of homes every Christmas-eve enshrines the divine mystery of the joy and surprise of giving, and for ever rebukes the selfishness of the world.

The sophisticated schoolboy who said, "I've got to the bottom of this Santa Claus business, and I will get to the bottom of this Jesus business, too," was not dispensing with the

fact behind the fiction of the delightful mystery play of Santa Claus. The charming re-enactment of this ever-recurring legend confirms the reality which it expresses.

Wondrous Love

The significance of the tradition of mystery and secrecy in bestowing our gifts upon each other is in the revelation of God's heart which He gave to us on the first Christmas Day. Secretly, in the silent holy night of Bethlehem, came the lovely child Jesus, a token of a wondrous love which longs to find acceptance in the hearts of men:

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessing of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive
Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

Our knowing schoolboy may "get to the bottom of this Santa Claus business" and succeed, by keeping his eyes open on Christmas-eve, in discovering a pleasant deception has been played upon him, therefore, pierce through the sweet fantasy of the Christmas story and he will be compelled to acknowledge the facts behind the fiction. How we wish that all young people would resolve to "get to the bottom of this Jesus business," for to make a search for truth in our traditions is a sure way to find the authentic and unique revelation of God in Christ.

A Reality

Our faith is that "in Jesus Christ, God came into human history and dwelt among us, in a revelation of Himself which is unique, final, completely adequate, wholly indispensable for man's salvation."

We have the New Testament as evidence that Jesus lived. An author who could imagine a character like Jesus would be as great as Jesus Himself. It would take a Jesus to forge a Jesus. Listen to the testimony of no less a sceptic than Rousseau:

"It is more inconceivable that a number of individuals should agree to write such a history than that one should furnish the subject of it. The Jewish authors were incapable of fiction, and strangers to the morality contained in the Gospel. The marks of its truth are so striking and inimitable that the inventor would be a more striking character than the hero."



History makes Jesus tangible to us as a human personality; it gives Him a date in time and a home in space. He is there as visible and actual as Bethlehem and yet, compared with what He stands for in the inner life, the purely personal story of His lovely life is as a cloud that forms upon a corner of the sky compared with the infinity beyond.

Let us review the claims made for Jesus by the authors of His memoirs, and so, to quote the schoolboy, "get to the bottom of this Jesus business." The Gospels are four distinctly separate biographies of the same person, Jesus Christ, yet all agree upon His life and teachings, revealing the beauty and nobility of His character.

All the world is drawn to this mysterious peasant by magic spell. He is superior to all philosophers. "He was not for an age, but for all time." The opinions of Jesus weren't moulded by the great thinkers of the ages. Christ did not argue like philosophers. He did not speculate about God; He revealed God. He spoke with authority: "Verily, verily, I say unto you."

He was no writer, yet His sayings

are upon every tongue and His words have gone out to the end of the world in a thousand languages.

In one sense, it is impossible to get "to the bottom of this Jesus business." The Christ of the Gospels was an historical figure who departed from the world nearly nineteen centuries ago, but the vanishing and what followed are the most wonderful part of the story. After His death Christ's greatest work began.

The world has never been the same since Christ came. C. F. Andrews said in *What I owe to Christ*: "Christ has not been for me simply a great and noble ideal, embodied in an ancient Scripture. He has been to me a living Person, with whom I have held close communion. His voice, when I heard it, had all the authority of His own passion behind it." This is what makes Christianity unique among the religions of the world.

Look at the effect of the historical Christ upon all aspects of life. This is undoubted evidence of His acceptance. Though He never wrote a

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HERO FROM SPACE

ONCE again the matchless choruses of Handel's "Messiah" will be sounding out and we shall be thrilling to their majestic diatonic harmonies, unspoiled by modern adornment or distasteful adaptation. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given" will be heard in subdued but confident fugal passages and then, in full cry, will come the massive "Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Moffatt translates these words of Isaiah: "For a Child has been born to us . . . and this is the title that He bears: 'A wonder of a counsellor, a divine hero, a father for all time, a peaceable prince . . .'"

A Divine Hero! All the world loves a hero. The pages of history are filled with the names of brave men who, by their deeds of valour, have fired the imagination of all of us. They say that when you get to know a real hero you are impressed by the fact that he is just an ordinary fellow. In the general run of life heroes are not born. It would seem that most of today's heroes are made in Hollywood, that fantastic colony of make-belief where stars rise and shine, and shoot and fall!

It takes a world war to bring to light the genius of a Churchill. It takes a tragedy for us to recognize the heroism of that frail young mother who went back into the burning bedroom three times in an attempt to rescue her precious children. It was an unforeseen happening that brought George VI to the throne of the Commonwealth of Nations. He had been content to serve in the shadow of his elder brother who, since infancy, had been trained in kingship. And then, overnight, the responsibility of the crown fell upon this shy, unassuming young man whose life up to then had been devoted to his wife and daughters.

Emergency of the Hour

He was not born to be a king, but so well did he do his job that when he died at the all-too-early age of fifty-six they called him George the Beloved. When the City of London was bombed night after night and there were those who suggested that the Royal Family should be moved to the safety of Canada, the King decided to remain and face the hardships of war with his people. After a full night of bombing, he would take an early-morning drive down the East End of London to inspect the damage and bring some comfort to those who mourned the loss of a home and loved ones. The day after his home at Buckingham Palace had received a direct hit he was down there again, sharing the sorrows. King George was regarded as a hero, but it was the emergency of the hour that brought out the best in him.

But the Divine Hero of whom we will be thinking during the coming days was destined for Kingship from the beginning of time. He was indeed "A Man born to be King." But no ordinary man. "The first man is a man of earth," wrote Paul to the Corinthians (Weymouth's translation) . . . "the second Man is from Heaven." A Man from Space! A Divine Hero!

Grand Miracle

As we look back over this year of varied international crises, we realize that space exploration has occupied much of man's planning. Following the success of 1961, when the first man went into space, developed experiments have taken place. Orbiting has become quite a common occurrence. Science fiction writers, not yet put out of business, have done their best to persuade us that space journeying is not one-way travel. The "screen" in our homes has from time to time treated us to seemingly far-fetched features of the invasion of earth by men from other planets—robots controlled by a highly-technical scientific formula whose secret is totally unknown to mere humans until the last minutes of the film when an unsuspected hero emerges to confound the evil machinations of the invaders.

But there have been visitors from space. The shepherds, "watching over their flock by night," heard "the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Gabriel, the heavenly messenger mentioned in the Book of Daniel, appeared to Joseph, Mary and Zacharias, telling them of the grand miracle that was to be enacted.

The Grand Miracle! That is what it was. God, in human form, breaking into history to provide a divine remedy for human failure. Jesus was the human revelation of the unseen God.

A Child this day is born,
A Child of high renown,
Most worthy of a sceptre,
A sceptre and a crown.

Taking compassion on our dull minds and limited understanding, God draws near to us in a Babe nestling in His mother's arm, a Youth at a carpenter's bench, a Teacher on the mountainside, a Man upon a cross. Through the human we find the divine.

"The first man is a man of earth . . . the second Man is from Heaven . . . As we have borne a resemblance to the earthy one, let us see to it that we also bear a resemblance to the heavenly One."

GOING HIGHBROW

MORE than 800 teenagers in the industrial north of England have demanded that their town "turn to culture." They have signed a hard-hitting petition urging their local council to build an arts centre.

Said a student-teacher spokesman: "The cream of our young people are leaving the town because there is nowhere to satisfy their intellectual needs." The strange thing is that the civic authorities thought they knew the requirements of their young people. The town has two large movie theatres and a bingo hall, a dancing salon and two bowling alleys, but no place where the teenagers can meet to study art and listen to good music. A disturbed council has promised to do

something about it and quickly.

All this is enlightening and a timely vindication of modern youth. Not all of them want the "pops" and jazz sessions. There is still an appeal in the realm of classical creation and encouraging signs that the nicer things of artistic life are being appreciated.

Canadian teenagers are not so very different from their counterparts in the Old Country. It is wrong and harmful to generalize. Let us be careful, then, when condemning out of hand. Not everyone under twenty-one is a delinquent! Perhaps we could render twentieth-century civilization a service by helping them to sort themselves out—with more warmth and less heat.

MAKING HAY

AN English boy of thirteen, Martin Stephens, has had privileges and experiences far beyond his years. He is, in fact, a veteran of sixteen films and, as a child lead, has visited India, the U.S.A., and Canada, where, in Toronto, he appeared in this year's CBC Festival presentation, "The Book with Chapters in it."

Martin is undoubtedly the envy of many a child who has ambitions to be a film, television or radio star. But he is already beginning to fear the future, and the possibility of being demoted to crowd parts as an adult. He wisely remembers child stars of other days who could not make the grade as grown-ups and

is resolved to "make hay while the sun shines" and then decide on a more settled career.

Another television star has doubts about the future. After but a year before the cameras, Bob Newhart, hailed as a great success and given rave notices because of his original performances, says he does not intend to return for another series.

Interviewed in Toronto, he said: "Did you ever hear about those natives in South America or somewhere who won't allow their pictures to be taken because they are afraid the cameras steal their souls? Well, after a season on TV, I am not sure that that is such a weird superstition."

HAPPY DAY

WITH so many incidents of broken marriages and the tell-tale statistics of increased numbers of divorces ever before us, it was a relief to read of four mended marriages. In one day the judge of a divorce court dealt with such requests.

Two of the couples had been married twenty-three and twenty-four

years respectively when a divorce was granted; the other four actors in this drama were younger people with growing children. "With pleasure I rescind the previous decision," the judge told each in turn—then settled down once more to the sadder side of his job.

At least four families can look forward to a happier Christmas!

OCEAN PROBE

THERE is something in human nature which makes us want to start exploring other countries before we know our own. Mr. Walter Dinsdale, Minister for Northern Affairs and National Resources, in a recent session of parliament, urged a plan to bring Canada's tourist industry income of the \$1 billion mark by 1967, centennial year. There is still much of the Dominion to be discovered by Canadians themselves!

This point was further emphasized with the announcement that world scientists are getting into top gear for one of the biggest co-operative ventures they have ever undertaken—a thorough probe of the Indian Ocean. The ocean covers 28 million square miles—more than a seventh of the earth's surface. More than one in four of the world's population live in the countries surrounding the Indian Ocean.

One of the main tasks of the survey is to find out how the ocean can be tapped to feed hungry millions by improving the fishing. But the scientists have their eyes on other goals, too. They believe that vast resources of potassium, mag-

nesium, nickel, copper and cobalt will be found on the ocean bed.

There is a touch of adventure in this announcement. A spokesman said: "This kind of co-operative research on our own planet is much more worthwhile than competing against each other to conquer alien worlds." No fewer than ten nations are taking part in this great treasure hunt.

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IN THE THICK OF THE FRAY

Blanche Goodall, the daughter of a surveyor in Guelph, Ont., is attracted by posters announcing that The Salvation Army will "open fire" in the city on March 9th, 1885. She is with the crowd that gathers at St. George Square, where the promised beginning will take place. Soon a few lassies, with full-length skirts, red blouses and poke bonnets appear, form a small ring, and begin their first meeting in Guelph.

The few women Salvationists began to sing "We're bound for the land of the pure and the holy, the home of the happy, the Kingdom of Love." The great crowd fell silent, many of them probably wondering what this handful of frail women would do in a conservative town like Guelph. But when they saw the refined girls kneel in the dust and pray, those who had inclined to jeer, desisted, and there was no opposition.

As soon as the open-air meeting was over, the little procession formed up and, the tap of the drum and the rattle of the tambourines almost drowning the girl's voices, they stepped out to the hall that had been hired for the occasion.

A Girl's Struggle

Blanche had stood with her girlfriends at the edge of the crowd, a tug-of-war taking place in her heart. How could she take an interest in this new, strange group? Was she not the daughter of the respectable surveyor, George Goodall? However, her sympathy with the Salvationists won over her pride, and, as soon as she got home, she excitedly told her mother of the advent of The Salvation Army and the actions of the girls, and begged permission to attend the meetings.

"Blanche," said her mother firmly "you're not going until I have been to see for myself."

Mrs. Goodall went along to the hall and, while she did not altogether approve of the Salvationists' unconventional manner of conducting religious services, she discerned that they were good people, and she gave Blanche permission

to attend the services.

The leader of the embryo corps was Captain Emma Churchill, a Newfoundland girl who had already distinguished herself by valiant service in various corps. She was on fire for God and souls, she had a ringing voice and an appealing manner, and the magnetism of her personality communicated itself to many who heard her, especially the impressionable Blanche Goodall. It was not long before the very drunkards whose homes had been visited by Blanche and the choir became converted, and the young woman at once saw that stern hand-to-hand combat was needed to save souls.

The Mayor's Stand

So great was the stir made by the efforts of the Salvationists and so vast the crowds that clogged the streets when the open-air and marches were held, the police threatened to arrest the officers as they had done in many other places. Mayor Stevenson was warmly sympathetic to The Salvation Army, and while he could not openly defy the police in the execution of what they considered their duty, he devised a plan to save the Salvationists from prison.

He made an announcement that he would march at the head of the Army's procession to the town square for its Sunday night open-air meeting, and he invited all citizens who believed in the Kingdom of God to join him. What a sight it was to see the worthy mayor, with his Prince Albert coat and wing collar, his silk hat and walking-stick, marching with Captain Churchill at the head of the parade, followed by hundreds of citizens and Salvationists!

When they reached the town square the mayor took his place in the ring, and the meeting that ensued was charged with excitement and enthusiasm. The police stood by helplessly. They knew it would be out of the question to arrest the Salvationists in the presence of the mayor and the cream of the town. They discreetly decided to drop their opposition and the work then proceeded unmolested.

(From "They Blazed the Trail", see page 12)

FROM MY DESK

By the
Editor-in-Chief



"QUOTES WORTH PONDERING"

● *I know your powers of endurance—how you have suffered for the sake of My name, and have not grown weary. But I hold this against you—that you do not love Me as you did at first.*—Revelation 2:3, 4.

● *Unless we in this land are internally sound, we can never be externally great. Nor can we fight Communism as an ideology unless we can show the peoples of the world that we have something finer, better, and infinitely greater.*—J. C. Penney, New York philanthropist.

● *I do not regard the word of Scripture as a dead letter, addressed only to the generations who heard it from the mouths of the prophets. I regard the Scriptures as a living tradition, as applicable in our time as in any other.*—Chief Justice Earl Warren, U.S.A.

● *Advocates of Sunday sales and other changes in the law usually cite the tourist trade. The implication is that tourists are eager to buy and drink liquor at any time and any place. This is an insult to most tourists, the great majority of whom wish to enjoy a healthy, happy vacation. They do not visit Ontario just to guzzle liquor to the maximum of their capacities.*

There is nothing more dishonest than the contention that the greater the availability of alcoholic beverages, the more temperate people will be. Statistics of sales show quite the reverse; so do statistics of court cases involving intoxication, drinking while under age and associated offences.

—Windsor Star

● *Modern man seems to be afraid of silence. We are conditioned by radio and television on which every minute must be filled with talking, or some kind of sound. We are stimulated by the philosophy of keeping on the move all the time—busy, busy, busy. This tends to make us shallow. A person's life can be deepened tremendously by periods of silence, used in the constructive ways of meditation and prayer. Great personalities have spent much time in the silence of life.*—Rev. Richard E. Lyon, Lockport, N.Y.

● *If this is Christianity, I want none of it. Forget about vestments and the make-up of the holy tables, and concentrate on winning men for Christ.*—Dr. Mervyn Stockwood, Bishop of Southwark, England.

● *Courage is a special kind of knowledge: the knowledge of how to fear what ought to be feared and how not to fear what ought not to be feared.*—David Ben-Gurion, Premier of Israel.

● *To gain a complete and lasting victory over smoking, you must ask for and receive divine aid.*—Elman J. Folkenburg, minister-psychologist, U.S.A.

● *The greatest danger that faces this country is the danger of moral lassitude—liberty turned to license, rights demanded and duties shirked, the moral sense deteriorating, the traditions and standards of the nation weakened, the spiritual forces within it losing ground.*—Rev. Robert J. McCracken.

● *Can anyone deny that movies are dirtier than ever? But they don't call it dirt; they call it "realism." Why do we let them fool us? Why do we nod owlishly when they tell us that filth is merely a daring art form, that licentiousness is really social comment? Isn't it time we recognized Hollywood's quest for the fast buck for what it is? Isn't it plain that the financially-harrassed movie industry is putting gobs of sex in the darkened drive-ins in an effort to lure curious teenagers away from their TV sets? Last week the screen industry solemnly announced that henceforth perversion and homosexuality would no longer be barred from the screen, provided the subjects were handled with "delicacy and taste."*—Jenkins Lloyd Jones, Editor, Tulsa Tribune.

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

GOD showed the world the heights of love
And gave to all mankind a Gift,

Sending the Saviour from above
Our woes to quell, our loads to lift.

Christ taught that love would cure sin's blight,
And melt the hardest, vilest heart;
Would cause blind eyes to see the light
And make fierce hatreds to depart.

And now abideth faith and hope,
But, best of all, that Love Divine,
A love that will with evil cope,
Transform and sweeten and refine.
H.P.W.

SEND A CHRISTMAS WAR CRY OVERSEAS



ALREADY orders are pouring in for supplies of the Christmas WAR CRY from the nearly 400 corps across the territory, and it looks as though the 450,000 copies may soon be snapped up. Last year they were completely sold out long before Christmas. The moral? Get your order in early!

This year's number consists of a feast of good reading between richly-coloured covers, the front and back both being scenes of that first Nativity scene—the arrival of the Magi and Joseph and Mary reaching the crowded inn.

A condensation of Dickens' heart-warming story of the transformation of old Ebenezer Scrooge is included, as well as the account of the birth of a popular carol, and messages from the Army's leaders. In addition, stories of Christmas in tropical lands make interesting reading, as does the item "Dudley's Disappointment" and "A Useful Haunted House."

Order direct from your nearest Salvation Army officer, or write The Publisher, 471 Jarvis Street, Toronto.



Peace In A Troubled World

RICHARD SEABORN, Member of the Manitoba Provincial Legislative Assembly and Salvation Army Envoy, circulated this message among his constituents at the time of the Cuban crisis

RECENTLY I was in the office of a good friend of mine. We discussed the anxious period through which the world is passing and the distressing effect it had upon many of our friends and acquaintances. "If we only knew how to live in these difficult times of crisis," he said, "we would know what to do in our personal lives." In an attempt to answer his question, I will endeavour to point the way on how to be at peace in this troubled world.

There are three different types of people in the world: those who have great concern, but no serenity; those who have serenity, but are not concerned; and last, those who have serenity with concern.

The first group are alarmists, bustling about with a premonition of calamity. The second group are people who possess a certain poise in life without being dedicated to much of anything; their primary interest is comfort and congeniality. The last group is highlighted in the Word of God as having peace, yet being concerned.

Gifts to Man

God offers to every man His peace, patience, long-suffering, and good will. However, this is only one side of the story. God offers to each of His children something else: "Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34.) The great gift of vital involvement in the tragedies, heartaches, pain, and uncertainty of mankind is another of God's gifts to man. In short, God says: "I give you My peace; I give you a cross." That is to say, He gives serenity with concern.

At first thought this promise seems to be a paradox, foredooming to a state of tension. You ask: "How can God give both peace and a cross?"

Now, the Gospel of relaxation may sound attractive to a majority of persons seeking to avoid the cross. Yet it has a disappointingly hollow ring in a realistic world where true peace comes only where there is genuine concern and involvement in the stormy lot of humanity. So many people crave a candy diet; but after they have subsisted on it for a while, they get sick!

The simple truth is that we cannot have peace without the cross, or serenity without concern. In each case the two move together. One without the other is a sham, a delusion. In this connection I like the poem by Edwin Markham, entitled "The Place of Peace."

*At the heart of the cyclone tearing
the sky
And flinging the clouds and the
towers by,
Is a place of central calm:*

*So here in the roar of mortal
things,
I have a place where my spirit
sings,
In the hollow of God's palm.*

A mother who had much concern, but little serenity, prayed one evening with her little girl. After the prayer the mother looked up, her eyes betraying the worry and despair in her heart. The child gazed into her mother's face and said: "Why, mother, you have just prayed! I would think you could either worry or pray, but you couldn't do both." I would say this is a penetrating observation of our day, when so many of us have allowed our serenity to go sour. We are overcome by worry that is nearly unbelief—an evidence that we are adrift without knowing in which direction we can go to find the resources we need.

False Peace

Let us examine the life of Paul: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." (2 Cor. 4:7-9)

The question arises, why do men seek a false peace—peace without concern? Or, why do men have concern without serenity?

First, I believe few people are willing to face the truth that they are creatures. They categorize creaturehood as implying undue insecurity—mortality, finiteness, incompleteness and inadequacy. It is difficult for the average person to acknowledge his basic fragility. He shies away from admitting the delicate balance between himself and his environment. Yet this balance is there, and the slightest disproportion sets him into a tailspin.

Out of Balance

Think, for instance, of the delicate balance between red and white corpuscles, hormones, acids, and glandular secretions. A feather-touch variance of any of these may upset the entire body. How precarious is human health! We must accept this as part of existence. We cannot ignore it. The very air we breathe could crush us, were it to get out of balance for a moment.

A survey among college students by *Fortune* magazine recently revealed that a sizeable proportion of young people are more interested in security than in opportunity. The editors described them as "cautious, subdued, a generation that will not stick its neck out. It keeps its shirt on . . . its chin up, and its mouth shut!" The flaw in this kind of reasoning lies in that when one concentrates on security to the exclusion of involvement, he becomes most insecure.

Achieving serenity with concern

is a definite possibility; but it will come to us only when we stop acting as if we were self-sufficient and capable of being our own gods. In order to be at peace, we need to know we are God's children. The fact is, we need help and we need it now. The marvel is that this help is presently in reach. God is close at hand, ready to fill the emptiness and ready to be our peace. Doubtless the apostle Paul knew this by experience when he wrote: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16.) Knowing we are God's children, we can face cyclones, hurricanes, and the thunder in life without losing poise.

Calmly Sang

John Wesley tells of a memorable experience on board ship during a severe storm. Wesley himself was filled with anxiety, and the whole ship's crew seemed apprehensive, except for a group of Moravians in one corner of the ship, who were singing and praying together—completely calm and unafraid. Wesley described what followed in these graphic words: "In the midst of the psalm the sea broke over, split the mainsail in pieces, covered the ship, and poured in between the decks, as if the great ship had already swallowed us up. . . . The Germans . . . calmly sang on. I asked

FROM THE MAILBAG

READERS' CANDID COMMENTS

THE LAST POST

THANK you for printing the music for "The Last Post" in a recent issue of *The War Cry*. This helped me a great deal. I am usually called upon to write it out for bandsmen who are asked to play it at Remembrance Services.

Cliff Williams, Lieutenant, Oakville, Ontario.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

MANY thanks for the fine editorial relating to Army beliefs—this was outstanding, and a great tonic for Salvationists.

Robert E. Chapman, Major, Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

BERLIN BOUND

I AM one of three young men presently engaged in a peace walk from Vancouver to Berlin, Germany. I acquired a copy of your publication (November 10th) and, after reading two articles, "Can peace be preserved?" and "Talk of Brutality," I felt moved to write.

These articles pointed out the immorality of modern warfare and the fact that the task of enduring peace is not the sole prerogative of politicians and world rulers, but of ordinary individuals as well. This is exactly what Hans Sinn, Jeff Topliss and I, who set out from Vancouver on September 30th, beginning a peace walk through the Canadian winter to Berlin, want to impress upon people with whom we come in contact.

Berlin was chosen as our destination in the hope that this city, the cause of so much international fric-

tion, and Germany in general, might be used as a test case for multi-lateral disarmament.

I fondly hope all your readers who share our deep concern for the lives of the world's children will pray for peace, do everything they can to promote the cause of peace in their own way, and urge the leaders of governments to do likewise.

Lorne Bennett

LISTENING-IN

Tune: "Showers of Blessing"

LISTEN, for God is broadcasting,
Tune in, and you will receive
Tidings of life everlasting,
If you will only believe.

Refrain:

Jesus is calling,
Calling from Heaven above,
Just listen in and you'll hear Him
Telling the world of God's love.

Telling the world of salvation
And of the soul's second birth,
Speaking of God's new creation
For the redeemed of the earth.

Listen to what he is saying,
God has a message for you;
Work at your faith by obeying
What He would have you to do.

Sinner, your Saviour is calling,
Pleading with you once again,
Some day the stars will be falling
Then you may listen in vain.

Come to the cross with your burden,
Come with your guilt and your fear.
He will abundantly pardon,
Just listen in and you'll hear.

James Gray, Toronto

tion, and Germany in general, might be used as a test case for multi-lateral disarmament.

I fondly hope all your readers who share our deep concern for the lives of the world's children will pray for peace, do everything they can to promote the cause of peace in their own way, and urge the leaders of governments to do likewise.

Lorne Bennett

AN INSTITUTION

Where, oh where is the front page picture gone;

Where, oh where can it be?
It expressed much thought without wordy words,

Oh, bring back my picture to me!
We sorely miss the pictorial front page of *The War Cry*. It was an institution!

Arthur Hopkinson, Major, Regina, Sask.

NOT UNNOTICED

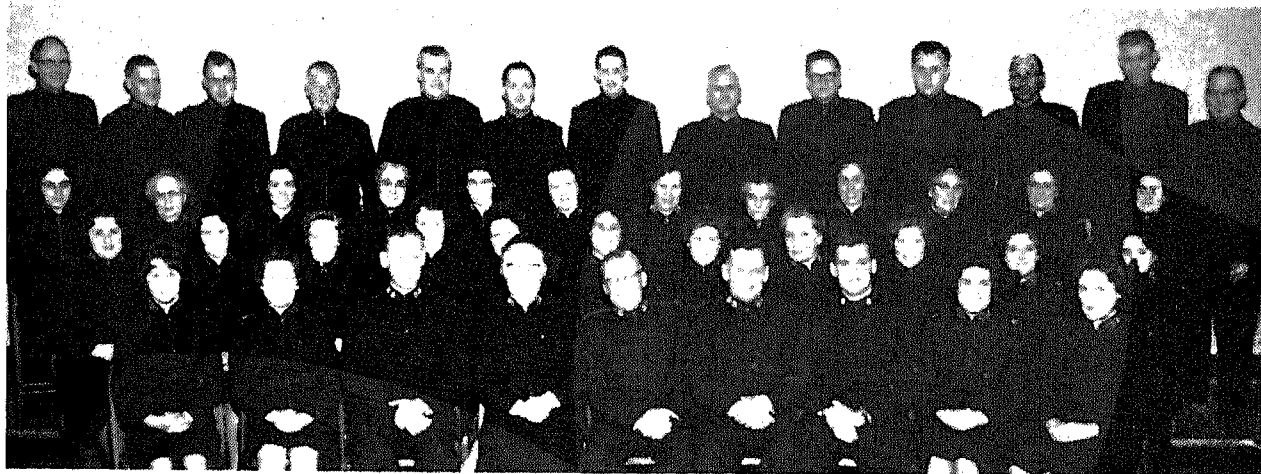
THE new format of *The War Cry* has not passed unnoticed. No doubt, in view of the fact that Canada has become accustomed to having a picture on the front page for many years, you will have a variety of comments. Let me congratulate you on your initiative in inaugurating the change and to say we think it quite acceptable!

We would like also to commend you on the general lay-out of the paper, which has not in any way sacrificed the excellency of the contents and the maintenance of the high standards set by the Canadian *War Cry* down through the years.

Wm. F. Ross, Lt.-Colonel, Hamilton

IN THE CAPITAL

Part of the Salvation Army's fine expression of service in Ottawa is the Parkdale Citadel Songster Brigade. Earlier this year this section changed leadership, Gordon Simpson succeeding his father, who had been in charge for a number of years. This photograph was taken at that time and includes the Territorial Music Secretary, Major Kenneth Rawlins, and the Corps Officers, Major and Mrs. John Dougall.



BROADCAST BLESSINGS

A SATURDAY programme was given by the Danforth, Toronto, male voice quartette (Songster Leader Eric Sharp) and accompanied by Songster Mrs. Sharp. The Sunday night meeting was led by Major Stanley Mattison, of Danforth, the quartette once again bringing the Gospel in song to many who listened to the broadcast.

Above: Some of Guelph bandmen playing at the Luxford Home for the aged. Right: (left to right): Major A. Turnbull (Brantford), Brigadier G. Nesbitt (Woodstock), Songster Leader S. Cracknell (Woodstock), Songster Leader E. Reid (Guelph), Major C. Frayn (Guelph) and Songster Leader J. Robertson (Brantford).

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AT GUELPH FOR SONGSTER WEEKEND

AS a feature of songster weekend at Guelph, Ont. (Major and Mrs. C. Frayn), two brigades, Brantford and Woodstock, united with the local group for a Saturday festival. The Editor-in-Chief, Lt.-Colonel H. Wood, presided and an excellent programme was given. The Brantford brigade (Leader J. Robertson) sang "When the Lord comes in" and "Jesus of Nazareth," while this section's individual item was a recitation by Songster Mrs. H. Livick. Woodstock (Leader S. Cracknell) essayed "This is the Day" and "Born to be King," while the local brigade (Leader E. Reid) sang "Fight it Through."



at the outdoor rallies.

In the morning the Luxford Home for aged was visited, and the patients enjoyed the music of the band. At night the open-air meeting attracted passers-by and, apart from the testimonies and music, the Gospel literature given out played its part in making known the Word of God. In the afternoon a visit to Bandsman Howie, in hospital, was appreciated.

The Colonel's Bible messages and Mrs. Wood's words of witness proved of blessing. He was present at the afternoon company meeting and witnessed the enrolment of five junior soldiers.



When Major William Leslie and a string ensemble from Vancouver (left) conducted a ten-day campaign at Alberni Valley, B.C., a series of daily broadcasts was greatly appreciated. Eighty-four adults and fifty-one young people sought the Lord, 1,976 people attended senior meetings and 286 were present at young people's events.

Led by the three leaders in turn, the united brigades did well with "Soldier, Rouse thee," "Steal Away" and "Sweet will of God." Other items were a violin number by Marsha Chadder (Guelph) and a cornet trio by three Woodstock bandmen. An ensemble of "mixed" bandmen supplied the accompaniment for some of the united pieces. A happy social time was spent afterwards to speed the visiting brigades on their return to their corps. Songster D. Berry made the courtesies.

During Sunday meeting also led by Lt.-Colonel Wood the songsters took prominent part, the brigade singing twice in the morning and testimonies being given by members in both meetings. At night the male quartette sang and the band (Bandmaster S. Crossland) rendered loyal support in all meetings, especially

MUSIC IN THE FAMILY

AT Bowmanville, Ont. (Captain and Mrs. D. Ritson), weekend meetings were led by Captain and Mrs. D. Hanks and the Niagara Falls Band (Bandmaster H. Ritson). On the Saturday the visitors joined with the Oshawa Band and vocalettes to present a festival at the local high school. United band items included the march, "Norwood Heights," and the hymn tune arrangement, "Lloyd," the latter being conducted by Young People's Band Leader G. Cherrington, of Bowmanville, who is eighty-two years of age. Other items of interest were the march, "Praise," by the Oshawa Band, the air varié, "Sunshine," by the Niagara Falls Band, and the vocalettes selection, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

The Sunday morning holiness meeting featured testimony and vocal and instrumental items, and in the afternoon, preceding a musical festival, the band played at the hospital.

A seeker was registered in the stirring salvation meeting, which was followed by a programme, a special feature of which was a trombone and cornet duet by Bandsman N. Ritson, of Niagara Falls, and Captain D. Ritson, accompanied by their father, Bandmaster Ritson, at the piano.—E.W.

MID-ONTARIO BANDS GATHER

WHAT was said to be the first tri-band festival in the Mid-Ontario Division took place at Peterborough Temple in connection with that corps' seventy-seventh anniversary celebrations. The Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel A. Simester, presided.

Under the baton of Bandmaster G. Routly, of Peterborough Temple, the united bands played the stirring march, "The King's Musicians." Belleville (Bandmaster J. Greene) accompanied the triple trio of cornets from the three bands in "The Veterans"; Oshawa (Bandmaster E. Sargeant) gave musical support to the trombone ensemble, "In Happy Service," and the Peterborough Band provided the background for a euphonium trio, with a soloist from each band, in an arrangement of "Lily of the Valley" by Retired Deputy Bandmaster Percy Merritt, who was present. Each band also contributed two "solo" numbers.

The Oshawa Vocalettes joined the male voices of the bands in "I'm a Soldier," and another highlight of the programme was the singing of Songster Mrs. Carlos Braund, of Halifax Citadel. The proceeds of the festival were donated to the divisional music camp at Roblin Lake.

Sunday meetings were conducted by the Divisional Commander and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel Simester, with

Songster Mrs. Braund taking special part in the meetings.

In the afternoon musicale the songster brigade (B. Smith) set the pace with "Perpetual Praise," the young people's band featured "I'll stand for Christ," Mrs. Braund sang "Come, Ever-Smiling Liberty," the band played "Souvenir of Song" and the singing company's contribution was "Children, Arise!" Items by the xylophone party and timbrel group were also enjoyed and the programme concluded with the singing of "How Great Thou Art!" by the songster brigade.

At the Monday corps anniversary dinner the Mayor of Peterborough was represented by Alderman (Corps Secretary) Stanley Richardson.—J.K.

HALIFAX CALLING

THE Halifax Citadel Band will rehabilitate in Halifax, Nova Scotia, bandmen desirous of moving to Canada. They must be good Salvationists. There are openings in the city for salesmen, butchers, stockmen, accountants, bookkeepers and shipyard skills, such as instrument repairmen, electricians, armament fitters and machinists.

Please write Lt.-Commander H. G. Ivany, Band Secretary, 893 Marlborough Avenue, Halifax, N.S.

Free room and board for three months while getting established.

BRITISH MUSICIANS IN U.S.A.

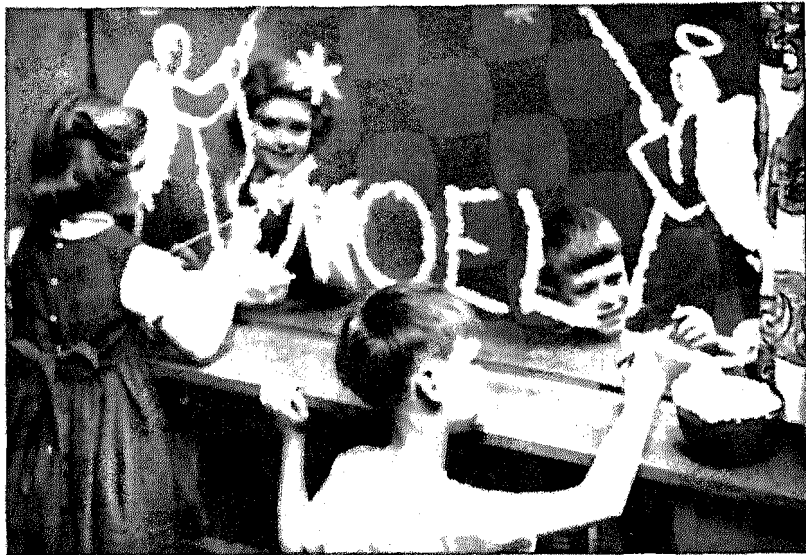
BELIEVED to be the first party of British Salvationist musicians to visit the U.S.A., the "Armymaires", led by Bandsman Leslie Fossey, of Bromley, recently conducted a campaign in the Eastern Territory, with a brief trip into the Southern Territory.

Sponsored by the Northern New Jersey Division, the group was welcomed by more than 250 bandmen and songsters. The Territorial Commander was represented by the Field Secretary, Colonel Frank Wilmer.

The following day the visitors proceeded to Philadelphia for eighty-third anniversary celebrations, and their tour continued with engagements in Washington, D.C.,

in the North-Eastern Pennsylvania Division (Williamsport, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre), and at Asbury Park and Arlington-Kearny Corps in the Northern New Jersey Division. Music councils and festivals were a feature of the visit, which was arranged by Bandmaster Alfred Swenarton, the Divisional Music Director.

Apart from Bandsman Fossey, who was its spokesman, the party consisted of Brother Barrie Perrins (euphonium), of Hemel Hempstead, Songster Leader Bramwell Nurse (cornet), of Norwich Citadel, Singing Company Leader Valerie Jones (piano soloist and accompanist), of Bexley Heath, and Bandmaster Norman Heath (vocalist), of Bromley.



The wonder and excitement of the Christmas season is expressed on the faces of these children as they willingly do their part in the preparations for the fast-approaching Yuletide festivities.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS TABLECLOTH

CAN you spare about two hours between now and Christmas?

If you can, there is still plenty of time to make for your Christmas table a beautiful holiday cloth that will become a Christmas tradition in your home.

I made mine, and here are the directions:

Buy the required amount of cotton, in the 70-inch width. For smaller tables, square or round, a 70-inch square makes a nice cloth. If your table is rectangular and longer, you'll need more than 70 inches in length.

Buy Ball Fringe

Then buy enough ball fringe to sew around the edge of your cloth. The cloth may be purchased in Christmas white, red, or green. The fringe can be found in the same colours. You may work out the colour combination which best suits your colour scheme. I decided on a green cloth, white fringe, with red

felt cutouts. Other variations are just as attractive.

Sew fringe along the edge of the four sides of the cloth, turning under a small hem allowance on the two edges that do not have selvedge.

The next step is the applying of the felt cutouts to the cloth. Here is where the fun begins! A time saver is the buying of these felt cutouts, ready to be basted on the cloth, at hobby shops or variety stores. But it is more economical (and more fun!) to buy the felt and make your own. If you make your own cutouts, add about two hours to the total time required to make the tablecloth.

Old Cards Serve

For cutout patterns use last year's Christmas cards for inspiration. They'll furnish you with myriads of ideas, even though you may be the most amateur artist. Some of the more simple patterns are a bell, a side-view angel, a Christmas tree ball or bauble, a stocking, a snow man and a Christmas tree.

Instead of sewing on sequins and beads, use household glue to anchor the glitter. A straight pin will prove helpful as a tiny finger to guide the sequins to their proper position on top of the drop of glue.

After dusting tiny angel's wings with white sequins, outlining the snowman in silver, the stocking in gold, place the designs, three in each corner of the cloth, and lightly tack them to the cloth. The felt cutouts may then be easily removed for cleaning of the cloth.

Place the cutouts not only in the corners, but all along the edge, as a border, or near the centre of the cloth if you like.—R.H.W.

TELL THEM ABOUT JESUS

BY CAPTAIN GORDON COLES

ICHI-JI-SAN put down his half-empty bowl of boiled rice and looked me straight in the eye. "What does Christmas mean?" he asked.

It was during World War II, and I was a prisoner-of-war in Japan. Like my fellow captives, I was forced to work in a coal mine under

the supervision of Japanese miners. One of these was Ichi-Ji-San.

He was the friendliest person I met during my three and one-half years as a prisoner, and it was not long before he learned enough English and I enough Japanese for us to converse.

It was just a few days before Christmas, while we were in the mine that he asked the question: "What does Christmas mean?" He had heard the other prisoners talking about it and was curious.

I explained to him our customs of exchanging gifts, decorating the tree and enjoying turkey dinners and mince pies.

Then I told him of the birth of Jesus and the reason for celebrating Christmas. He listened quietly but made no comment. I thought the story of Christ's birth probably did not interest him as much as did the customs of the season. In any case, he made no reference to the matter during the grueling months that followed.

Eighteen months later the war ended, and for a few weeks we were able to roam about the countryside while waiting for a ship to take us home. It was during this period that Ichi-Ji-San one day walked into our camp looking for me.

Like Heaven

"Come home with me," he said simply. "Come home and have supper with my family."

I accepted gladly. To be entertained as a guest after more than three years in a concentration camp seemed almost like Heaven! And he seemed equally pleased, as we walked along the muddy lane toward his home, that I had accepted. In a few minutes we arrived at a small, wooden dwelling, where I was introduced with great ceremony to Ichi-Ji-San's wife and three smiling, ruddy-faced little girls.

After they all had bowed and greeted me, I was invited inside. I removed my shoes and sat down on the floor with the family, and the lady of the house served a delicious meal of rice balls, fish cakes and tea. No sooner was the dinner over than Ichi-Ji-San said somewhat shyly: "Tell Ichi-Ji-San's family about Christmas."

It was August, and the temperature was ninety-five degrees, I was taken completely by surprise but was delighted to oblige my host.

As the little family listened intently, I began to tell them of the wonderful traditions and colourful customs of Christmas. I paused briefly to take a drink of tea. As I did so, Ichi-Ji-San said: "Now tell them about Jesus."

I shall never forget sitting in that little Japanese home, watching the

eager faces of the children and their parents as I recounted the story of the nativity. They sat in absolute silence, their eyes fixed on mine. When I finished, the whole family stood up, bowed and thanked me profusely.

My ship sailed soon after that, and I did not see Ichi-Ji-San again. But there never has been a Christmas when I have not thought of him and his family and prayed that the Christ of Christmas might be born in their hearts.—The War Cry, Chicago.

That First Christmas Morn

Words and Music by Colonel Albert Dalziel

Andante con espres. $\text{♩} = 92$

Key: E-flat

1 Out of the darkness there came a new song, Glo - ri - a sung by the
2 Out of the darkness a new star, Hailed by the Wise Men who
3 Out in a stable a Babe by new born Lay with His mo - ther at

(SING)

Hea - ven - ly throne, Shep - herds be - hold - ing the awe - some e - vent,
watch - ing a far, Know - it be - fore - told the birth of a king,
break - ing of dawn, and came to earth in a wo - ther's ca - ress,

(HARMONY)

UNISON
Saw but per - ceived not its might - y por - tent For they wist not that a
Sight of their true saviour in ho - mage to bring But they wist not that a
Mer - cy and Hope in their lov - ly - est dress. Tell the whole world that a

(SING)

HARMONY
Sa - viour was born, When God made His gift on that first Christ - mas morn
Sa - viour was born,
Sa - viour was born,

UNISON
For they wist not that a Sa - viour was born,
But they wist not that a Sa - viour was born,
Tell the whole world that a Sa - viour was born,

HARMONY
When God made His gift on that first Christ - mas morn.

WHY NOT TRY THIS AROUND THE PIANO?

The Silver Radiance

By Grace Noll Crowell

GOD chose a star as emblem for his Son. In all the universe no fairer sign Could have been found to light the way to One

Who came to earth that night. A star to shine And shed its glory down a darkened way, Its silver radiance so pure, so bright That the seekers found their path as clear as day—

And Christ-Child waiting there beneath its light.

A star to shine forever in the heart Of mankind as we journey down the years; A star whose glorious meaning is a part Of all our living—quieting our fears And quickening us with hope as we recall Its white significance: The Christ-Child's Birth. His sign and symbol, held aloft for all The eager, seeking pilgrims of the earth

Canadian Scientists Study Secrets Of The Sea

NEW INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY IS OPENED ON ATLANTIC COAST

A FRESHENING breeze of scientific interest is blowing steadily along Canada's eastern, western and arctic seaboard. With the longest national coastline in the world, bounded by three oceans and a myriad of islands large and small, Canada has a natural, urgent interest in oceanography—the scientific study of the mysterious sea and all its wonderful ways.

A neglected branch of scientific exploration but a few years ago, oceanography in Canada is now one of the newest, most exciting and vital fields of discovery. Spearheading Canada's concerted search for knowledge is the Bedford Institute of Oceanography on the Atlantic Coast. Officially opened recently, the institute has at work a solid nucleus of scientists, hydrographers, technicians, men of the sea. They range Canada's blue, green and frozen white oceans, study their physical-chemical properties, investigate the life they contain, the riches they hide.

They also probe the sea's commercial use, defensive strength, far-reaching effects on mankind, and provide Canada's scientific contribution to international studies of the world's seven seas.

Vital Importance

Mankind's discovery, exploration, scientific observation and technological development of the earth's land surface is being repeated across the vast ocean areas of the world. Deeper in parts than the mountains are high, stretched over two thirds of the world's surface, totalling more than a quarter-billion cubic miles, the oceans are a vital importance to man's continued well-being and development.

Discovered through the centuries, explored superficially, charted mostly within the past 100 years, the sea has but recently come under scientific observation. Food potential, mineral wealth, effects on man's environment, probable uses for the future—these are the reasons why scientists are now looking deep beneath the rolling waves and heaving swells of ocean waters probing through ice-covered waters in polar regions. Studying samples of water, marine life, sea-bed rocks and silt, physical changes, temperature, chemical characteristics—this is how scientists are gaining their knowledge.

In Canada oceanography has for many years been carried on in proportion to the country's needs by government and university, providing an invaluable core of basic

knowledge. Now, a concerted plan has been formed which will place Canada among the leaders in this field of science, and to provide well for its own personal scientific, commercial and defence needs.

The oceanographic vessel, *Hudson*, capable of operating anywhere in the world, is to be commissioned next year. Three research vessels are to follow and another oceanographic institute and ship for the Pacific Coast are planned. This will enable Canada to gain knowledge of the waters on all her coasts and inland seas and to increase knowledge of her continual shelf and mineral potentials of sediments in continental waters.

Under the Canadian Committee on Oceanography, formed to co-ordinate and direct the national effort in this research, are combining the resources and facilities of five government departments, three universities, and Canada's navy and air forces. Physicists, biologists, hydrographers, geologists, meteorologists, chemists, and other scientists and technicians, will sail in warm waters and frozen seas, delve into the depths, scrutinize the ocean bed, observe the mechanics of water masses, study effects on the atmosphere; then, in the laboratories of the institute, study in detail the samples and information they collect and unravel the secrets of the last unknown frontier left on earth.

HOW THE X-RAY WAS DISCOVERED

IT was one of the founders of modern physics, Wilhelm Röntgen, who made the great discovery of X-rays. How this came about presents an example of the unexpected way of some of science's most important facts come to light.

Röntgen was a professor of physics, and his main interest lay in the rather peculiar things that happen when an electric current is passed through a vacuum.

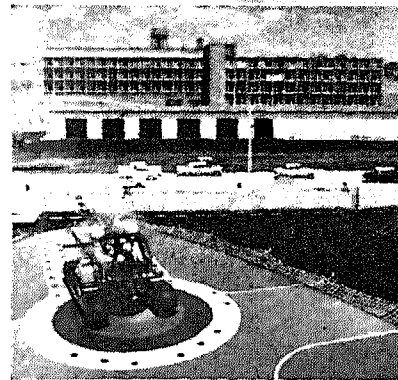
In 1892 he happened to be working on a piece of apparatus which consisted of a glass tube from which he had removed as much of the air as he could. Through this evacuated tube he was passing a high-voltage electric current.

Now it happened that photography was one of his hobbies, and that lying on his untidy laboratory bench near one end of the glass tube was an unexposed photographic plate covered by a book on which a key was lying.

After lunch he used the plate to

Right: Scientists at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography near Halifax, Nova Scotia, examine and chart seabed temperatures.

Below: Bedford's offices and laboratories are adjacent to marine storage sheds. A helicopter is seen about to leave one of the fleet of research ships which dock by the deep-water wharves beside the Institute.



BRAIN FOR FARM MANAGEMENT

THE mechanical brain has been adapted to farm management by the Co-operative Wholesale Society of England, the largest single farm unit in Britain. The society applied the mechanical brain experiment to a specialized dairy farm of 290 acres with a dairy herd of sixty-six milking cows and producing spring and winter wheat, barley, fodder crops and pasture and operating at a profit. However, the management felt that greater profits could be realized and so a group of research experts spent six months studying farming methods and statistics of the area.

When all the data had been collected it was fed into the computer at Manchester University and in six minutes the computer selected the best plan. Briefly, it recommended that winter wheat be cut from 57½ acres to 14½ acres; barley increased from 17½ to 83 acres; the milking herd reduced from 66 to 58 cows and young animals from 60 to 45 head; and pasture reduced from 187 acres to 109 acres. Profits were increased by 30 per cent the first year and it is expected when the full programme is in operation profits will be increased by 50 per cent by the end of the next farming year.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD

WHO first thought of sending Christmas greeting cards?

It has long been thought that the honour belongs to Sir Henry Cole, a prominent member of the Society of Arts. Sir Henry Cole, in 1846, commissioned John Calcott Horsley to design a Christmas card, which he sent to more than a thousand friends.

Further researches into the subject, however, reveal an earlier Christmas card, the original of which is preserved in the British Museum.

This was designed and etched in 1842 by William Maw Egley, a son of William Egley, a well-known Victorian miniature portrait painter who was a frequent exhibitor at the Royal Academy.

Young William was only sixteen at the time, but his card reveals a mastery of etching, as well as a nice appreciation of seasonable festivities.

STANDING ROOM ONLY

ACCORDING to Professor W. A. Lewis, of Manchester University, at the present rate of growth the world's population will reach 173,500 million by the year 2330, at which time there would be standing room only, since that is the number of square yards of the land surface of the earth.

BETTER THAN THE HIT PARADE!

SIR Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick and one of Britain's leading composer-conductors, believes that by listening to Beethoven we can "add a cubit to our stature." Of this great genius, whose music continues to crowd our concert halls, he says, "He has stirred the hearts and minds of men, and satisfied their deepest desires, as no other composer has done, before his time or since."

"How could a man so harassed by poverty, so frustrated by love, so early imprisoned within a world of silence, create masterpieces that have swayed the world?" asks Sir Arthur.

The answer, he believes, lies in Beethoven's unusual will-power. "Nothing came easily to him. But

behind a deeply-felt emotion lay an indomitable will, and the determination to weld his feelings to a frame of steel that would resist decay. His nine great symphonies stand witness to his mighty victory. Each has character and architecture."

To George Marek, vice-president and general manager of RCA Victor Records, who has devoted much time to understanding great music and interpreting it for the general public, Beethoven's secret lies in the fact that he made music human.

"He took it off the pedestal of formal beauty where Haydn and Mozart had left it," says Marek, "and immersed it in the whirlpool of life. In his symphonies, Beethoven set to music everybody's heartache and everybody's smile."

NO DANCING ON THE BUS

"BUSES that sing sweetly"—that is the name given by Africans in Rhodesia to vehicles that have tape recorders playing popular music. Tried on one bus in Salisbury as an added attraction for passengers, the experiment has been highly successful. Seventy more buses are now being provided with tape recorder music to keep the passengers happy on long journeys. They can sing to their hearts' content, but dancing is frowned on by the bus company officials.

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IN PARIS FOR THE CONGRESS

THE GENERAL LEADS INSPIRING GATHERINGS IN FRANCE'S CAPITAL

FRENCH people are ready, they say, to make them so. The Salvationists of France must be ready also. For visitors are hard won in that land. An indispensable part of the Army's life is the annual congress which faith and strength are renewed.

Among the people from the many parts of France who posted their way into the Salle Gaveau on Sunday morning, and overflowed into the lower hall were those who in the face of hardship and opposition had been tempted to give up the fight. But it was now congress time—and anything might happen! The spiritual power they needed came to some as they knelt at the crowded mercy-seat after.

At the beginning of the meeting these Salvationists, so warmly exuberant in their welcome to each other, were as eager and as affectionate in their greeting to General and Mrs. Wilfrid Kitching, the congress leaders. The first song led by the Chief Secretary of Local-Column Samuel (Newson) was sung with gusto and the introductory words of the Territorial Commander, Commander Charles Ryan, were received with smiles and nods.

Lager Response

The testimonies of officers from Algeria were a feature of the day, and the listeners were much moved by the simple words of Captain Eugene Ruesser who, when other Europeans had left Algeria for their own safety, chose to remain with the people who needed her.

Mrs. Kitching addressed herself to those whose faith had cooled and the General (translated by Major or Freray Cachetin) painted, in contrast, a positive picture of the victorious experience of those who live in union with Christ. The response to the mercy-seat was eager and immediate.

In the afternoon the General's "surprise item" was an exuberant interlude with the corps cadets. Led by the General himself and accompanied by a brisk march from Basile I Band (present by invitation to supply music for the congress), the young people marched over the platform and around the hall.

They paused to listen with respect to the Army leader's words of counsel and encouragement and heard three of their number witness briefly before returning to their places through doorways crowded with those who could find no room elsewhere.

The General's call for salvation soldiers "who will earn the reputations as servants of others" brought many to the mercy-seat as the meeting concluded. A march and open-air meeting engaged many Salvationists in the tea interval. The playing of Basile I Band and

PRINCESS WILHELMINA

In the passing of the deeply-religious Princess Wilhelmina of the Netherlands The Salvation Army in that territory has lost a friend whose interest in its work went far beyond official gracious patronage.

As Queen for fifty years, she received Army leaders in audience, revealing considerable insight into the organization's activities and progress, just before abdicating the throne in favour of her daughter, Crown Princess Juliana, the Queen granted an audience to General Albert Osborn and spoke appreciatively of the post-war revival of Army endeavour in the Netherlands.

Living in retirement in Adeldoorn, Princess Wilhelmina often attended meetings at the local corps, presided over gatherings at the children's home in that area and frequently mingled with Salvationists at their annual field day held in the grounds of the royal palace near Baarn.

the National Band, which led the marching columns of hundreds of Salvationists into the heart of the city, attracted the attention of shop-kazings Parisians. For the salvation meeting, the large restaurant of the Palais de la Femme was packed with 1,300 people, seated in a wide area, and young folk perched all along the serving counters.

Those who made their way to the improvised mercy-seat brought the day's number of seekers to 106. An old Salvationist, weary at the end of another Congress Sunday, spread out his hands at the sight of the kneeling figures. "Magnifique!" he said.

THE footlady visitor to France who decides to cross the wide Place de l'Etoile to the Arc de Triomphe, without using the subway receives scant help from the police



Above: Major George Oystrik, with Captain Ted Morris, a missionary officer from the U.S.A. Southern Territory, greet cadets leaving the Kanda Central Hall, Tokyo. Right: Major and Mrs. Oystrik and their family are welcomed at the pier by a group of Salvationists headed by the Chief Secretary, Lt.-Colonel Koshi Hasegawa.

WORLD'S FIRST LADY

IMMEDIATELY the death of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was announced, the U.S.A. National Commander Commissioner Norman S. Marshall dispatched the following letter to James Roosevelt, Hyde Park, N.Y.: "The Salvation Army joins in the world-wide tribute to your mother—one of God's choicest servants who 'redeemed the time' in works of mercy and brotherhood."

"Here was a rich and full life motivated by the highest ideals and purposes and responsive to the deepest needs of humanity. Our organization was the beneficiary of her concern for the poor and underprivileged and greatly valued her interest in and support of our work which was an inspiration to us all."

"While your mother's passing removes her bodily presence, it leaves with us a fragrant influence of an exemplary stewardship of life which in self-forgetfulness lifted her to true greatness. We of The Salvation Army salute a Christian gentlewoman and the 'first lady of the world.'"

"Please be assured of our deepest sympathy with the family in the great loss you have sustained and a remembrance in our prayers in this hour of bereavement that the God of all comfort and grace may sustain you."

DISTRESSED REFUGEES HELPED

In the Hong Kong area, The Salvation Army has assisted an increasing number of refugees and fire victims. Following one large fire that swept through a refugee section rendering hundreds of families homeless, workers went at once into action and helped the families with the rebuilding and furnishing of new homes.

as he leaps and recoils in a maze of fast-moving traffic. But on Monday, November 12th, the police had the situation well in hand for a special event.

Salvation Army flags made a brave show against a grey sky and the wind played tricks with the music as Basile I Band from Switzerland marched toward the arch, a long procession of French Salvationists in their wake.

The brief ceremony which followed in honour of Frenchmen who died in the world wars included the placing of a wreath by the General before the flickering, symbolic flame, and the signing of the Golden Book.

A women's rally in the afternoon was presided over by Mme. Bidault, an English resident active in youth and welfare work, and Mrs. Lieut-



Colonel Samuel Nicolson, wife of the recently appointed Chief Secretary for France, was introduced to the women of the home league for whom she will have some responsibility.

The value of basing home life upon Bible truth was illustrated by a simple presentation. Mrs. General Kitching's words on the necessity for Christian standards were also honey and graphic, and she drew her illustrations from other lands in which the Army is at work.

Basile I Band, which had been received at the Swiss Embassy during the afternoon, provided an evening festival in the oldest evangelical church in France, which is part of the great palace of the Louvre. The large congregation was not permitted to express appreciation by clapping and the event took place in a setting that was dim and ecclesiastical, highly unusual for an Army congress. Nevertheless, at the end of an inspiring evening the General, characteristically, gave a clear summary of the Army's aims, emphasizing to the many non-Salvationists present that to lead men and women to God is the object of every activity.

The Tuesday soldiers' rally was a final opportunity to stir on-the-firing Salvationists into vigorous service for God, and the General used it to the full. Husbands and wives, teenagers in tears, veterans whose serenity of spirit was written on their faces knelt to make their vows to the God who had so honoured their congress with His blessing. Their presence at the mercy-seat brought the total of public decisions to 139.



ARRIVED IN JAPAN

CANADIAN OFFICERS WELCOMED TO TOKYO

AFTER brief stop-overs in San Francisco and Honolulu, where cordial hospitality was extended to them, Major and Mrs. George Oystrik and their three children arrived safely in the port city of Yokohama, Japan. A fine representative group of officers, made up of territorial, divisional, and departmental leaders, as well as the Training Principal and staff, were on hand to welcome them.

During the brief meeting, conducted by the Chief Secretary, Lt.-Colonel Koshi Hasegawa, greetings were exchanged and Brigadier Sugli offered prayer on behalf of the new arrivals.

At the Kanda Central Hall, the Territorial Commander, Commissioner Charles Davidson, extended an official welcome to the Canadian re-informants to Japan. After the children were presented with typical gifts, Major and Mrs. Oystrik responded. Seekers were registered in all meetings visited or conducted by these comrades. While the children are attending the Christian Academy, their parents are very busy studying the Japanese language.

The Canadian officers were guests of the training college at a meal pre-

sided over by the Territorial Commander, who introduced them to the staff and cadets. A fine group of cadets are in training and readily engage in extensive soul-saving warfare for the Kingdom. A modern college is under construction and should be ready next summer. Major Oystrik has been appointed Training Principal and took up his duties on December 1st.—E.M.

AT TV REHEARSAL

ONE of four soldiers sworn-in at Gateshead Teams Corps, England, was a young man who first saw The Salvation Army when watching a rehearsal for a TV open-air meeting at Whiteley Bay three months ago. The other new soldiers were a girl who was converted in the youth day meetings held in the Royal Albert Hall last June and the parents of a recently-commissioned singing company member.

In the same meeting ten junior soldiers were enrolled, eight of whom were first contacted around an open-air meeting two months ago and escorted straight to the company meeting.

HELPING HANDS and DEDICATED HEARTS

LEAGUE OF MERCY WORKERS RALLY IN TORONTO

GATHERING from all parts of Ontario, League of Mercy members met for an afternoon rally at the Bramwell Booth Temple, Toronto. After the opening song and words of welcome by the Territorial League of Mercy Secretary, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel Oliver Welbourn, the roll was called and members stood as their division was announced.

The territorial president, Mrs. Commissioner Wycliffe Booth, greeted the crowd and she reminded it that it was four years since a similar rally was held. A fitting Scripture portion was read by Mrs. Colonel Herbert Wallace and Mrs. Major Ernest Falle contributed to the spiritual tone of the meeting with a vocal solo, "Companion Mine".

A number of papers were given regarding the various aspects of the league's activities. Dr. Robert Moore, of Toronto, gave an informative and inspirational talk on League of Mercy work from a doctor's viewpoint. Mrs. N. Stevens, of St. Catharines, spoke from the patient's point of view, making helpful and practical suggestions. Mrs. Brigadier Charles Sim, of Montreal, related her experience of forming a new group and listed some of the essentials in this undertaking. Mrs. Dixon, of Oshawa, gave illustrations of visitation in various places. A vocal trio, "How Wonderful!", was sung by Songster Mrs. William Habkirk, of Dovercourt, Mrs. Major Falle and Major Eleanor Bond.

Dedicated Workers

Mrs. Commissioner Booth urged the necessity of Bible reading and prayer at the beginning of the day, and spoke of the need of dedicated Christian workers.

Also taking part were Mrs. Brigadier Douglas Sharp, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel John Nelson, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel William Ross, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel Leonard Evenden, and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel Cornelius Warrander.

During the supper hour the members met for a meal at the Georgian Room where Mrs. Lt.-Commissioner Clarence Wiseman, a former Territorial League of Mercy Secretary, was welcomed and the president was greeted.

In the well-attended evening public meeting Mrs. Lt.-Colonel Welbourn led in the opening exercises, with Mrs. Commissioner William Dalziel (R), a past president, opening with prayer. The Territorial Commander, Commissioner Wycliffe Booth, was introduced and, in turn, welcomed the large representation from many part of Ontario. He expressed his thanks and gratitude for the wonderful work done by these groups.

The Toronto Temple Band (Band-master Russell De'Ath) played the air varié, "Good-bye, Egypt!" and the stirring march, "To Regions Fair". "Joy in Following" was sung by the Toronto Temple Songster Brigade (Leader William Young) and Captain James Reid sang "I gave My Life for Thee".

Brief "cameos" of work done by the league were given by Sr.-Major Mrs. L. Worthylake (R), of Guelph; Mrs. Luther, of Stratford; Mrs. Roach, of Barrie, and Mrs. Envoy Dunscomb of Kingston. Mrs. Commissioner Booth read the report for 1961 and presented a thirty-year award to Mrs. J. King, of Brantford, and a forty-year award to Mrs. Brigadier J. Barclay (R), of Hamilton.

The guest, Mrs. Lt.-Commissioner Wiseman, gave many touching and

stirring illustrations of the work accomplished by helping hands in Africa. The stories of self-denial and sacrifice for the cause of Christ revealed that many Canadians know little of the hardship and poverty of fellow Christians in other parts of the world. The speaker told of timbrellists who walked sixteen miles to a meeting, and she showed the hand-made tambourine that is played in that country. The Holy Spirit spoke to many hearts as the challenge was presented for all to offer their hands in service and prayer to God.

A dramatic presentation by cadets showed how three men were brought to Christ through the efforts of the League of Mercy. The Chief Secretary, Colonel Herbert Wallace, led the closing song and Brigadier Sharp pronounced the benediction.



WOODBINE'S NEW HALL

Above: The crowded new hall at Woodbine, Toronto, during the first meeting following the opening (reported last week). Left: The Territorial Commander, Commissioner Wycliffe Booth, turns the key in the lock to declare the citadel opened.



"THE LIVING WORD"

THE Salvation Army's television feature, "The Living Word," continues week after week to have an effective evangelical outreach.

The quality of the programmes prompted a scientist in Maine to write to Territorial Headquarters in New York:

"During breakfast this morning, I heard from you one of the best sermons I have ever heard, built around the theme of the balance of nature, the problems of conversation—the subject of Rachel Carson's recent book, 'Silent Spring'. I did not catch the name of the speaker, but I want to congratulate him and you. This was one of the best bits of adult education I have heard in a long time, and it was interesting enough to hold the attention of children as well."

THE CHRISTIAN PRESS

Bible Companion series for Lesson and Sermon Preparation. MARK—GOSPEL OF ACTION, by Ralph G. Turnbull, \$1.00; A PRACTICAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATION HANDBOOK, by Norman E. Nygaard \$1.95. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. Obtainable at the Trade Department, 259 Victoria St., Toronto 2, Ontario.

LEAGUE OF MERCY

REPORT—1961

THE League of Mercy has 1,660 active members in Canada, 16 per cent of whom are men. No less than 4,116 meetings were held in hospitals, institutions and homes, with an attendance of 159,152.

It is recorded that 80,127 patients were prayed with and 198 sought Christ as their Saviour, and that 8,076 letters and cards were written by members. The various needs of 5,679 people were met. There were 626,668 copies of "The War Cry" distributed and 17,456 other Army periodicals. At Christmas and Easter 122,165 treats were dispensed.

"WELCOME HOME" TO DANFORTH

A WELCOME Sunday visitor from England to Danforth, Toronto, was Mrs. Lt.-Commissioner Clarence Wiseman, wife of the Principal of the International Training College. Before taking up an appointment in East Africa in 1960 Lt.-Commissioner and Mrs. Wiseman were soldiers of the corps.

Large crowds attended the meetings, in which missionary illustrations from personal experience were used to convey the messages. A moving story was told of some heathen girls who surrendered their symbols of idol worship at the Army mercy-seat, even though no-one present could speak their language and they were not able to understand a word of the meeting. The speaker warned of the danger of being tempted to limit the power of the Holy Spirit.

After the night meeting, a lower hall was crowded for a fellowship hour, when Mrs. Wiseman showed slides and spoke of the Army's work in East Africa.

ABOLISH SANTA CLAUS

(Continued from page 1)

book, great masterpieces have been dedicated to Him. Raphael, Leonardo and Michelangelo were inspired by Him. Though not an architect, cathedrals have been erected in which to worship Him. He never wrote a line of poetry, yet Dante, Shakespeare, Milton, Browning, Tennyson and Whittier have found inspiration from Him. Though not a musician, He has been the inspiration behind some of the best music of Haydn, Handel, Beethoven, Bach and Mendelssohn.

He is the creator of the social conscience and has inspired the ministry of healing in hundreds of hospitals dedicated to His idealism. In His teaching He championed the cause of the poor, created a new conception of stewardship, awakened a sanctity for home life. Though He never married, He conferred a new dignity upon womanhood. He towers among men in sheer moral grandeur, the central figure of human history, the commanding character of all time.

Let a young man really and honestly strive to "get to the bottom of the Christian story" and he must go down on his knees and say:

Just as I am, young, strong and free,
To be the best that I can be
For truth and righteousness and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come.
From For The Ordinary Man

NURSES MEET IN HAMILTON

THE Salvation Army Nurses' Fellowship group in the Southern Ontario Division reports steady progress. Nine members have been added to our roll during the past two months. A monthly letter is sent to all members unable to attend the meetings, acquainting them with the details of the previous meeting and announcing the date of the next gathering.

The November fellowship hour was held at the Divisional Headquarters with Mrs. Lt.-Colonel William Ross, Mrs. Brigadier Clifford Milley and Mrs. Howlett as hostesses. Mrs. Colonel Herbert Wallace, the territorial secretary, was the guest speaker.

During the "business" part of the meeting, small wrapped parcels were brought, which have since been sent to Major Eva Cosby, a missionary nurse now furloughing in Canada, who spent some years at Grace Haven in Hamilton before taking up work overseas. Mrs. Colonel Wallace presented S.A.N.F. pins to two of the new members.

The theme was "Preparing for Christmas" and thoughtfully and reverently the group sang: "Who is He in yonder stall." Mrs. Evenden, in her prayer, asked that every heart might again be prepared for the coming of the Christmas season. The speaker's beautiful and timely message quietly put the emphasis on keeping Christ at the centre of Christmas thinking and planning.

Carols were sung and Mrs. Colonel Wallace shared with the members her memories of Christmas as the child of officer-parents in New Zealand and later as an officer herself in Australia. It was interesting to note that for many years the Australian postal authorities have kept the religious significance of Christmas before the people by issuing special stamps bearing a picture of Mary, the mother of our Lord, or some other aspect of the Christmas story.

Captain Johanna Voth, of Grace Haven, expressed thanks and a buffet lunch was served.



THE HELPING HAND IN ACTION

THE residents of the Detroit, U.S.A., Eventide Home, at their fourth annual sale of work, raised more than \$2,600. More than 2,000 people attended and bought articles made during the year. The fifteen booths were manned by the residents. A luncheon was served to over 700 people.

In Southern Australia a new eventide home is being planned. It will include thirty-six single apartments and six for married couples. A separate building will house ten single rooms and a twenty-bed sick bay for aged pensioners. The apartments will be self-contained, with a bathroom, kitchenette and bed alcove; each will lead on to an enclosed sun veranda. Services provided to the occupant will include heating by hot water radiation, central hot water service, stove and refrigerator. Furnishings include wardrobe, dressing table, bed and kitchen cupboards. Each apartment will have a phone connected to a central switchboard.

Tenants will have available a clinic and sick bay. A nursing staff will be on duty for emergency cases. A general lounge and TV rooms will be provided and central laundry facilities, central dining room, kiosk, hairdresser and chiropodist are included in the scheme.

THE LORD'S MONEY

EVERY year the children of the Booth Memorial Children's Home in Calgary, Alberta, put aside one-tenth of their annual income. This is known as the "Lord's Money". This year they decided, as a Christmas gift, to send eighty dollars to the new crippled children's home in Kenya and the same amount to a Salvation Army children's clinic in Ghana. The youngsters gave something from their "Lord's Money" for this project, and they not only give their money but remember, in their prayers, the children to whom the gifts are being made.

A Christmas Prayer

LORD Jesus, we thank Thee for the spirit shed abroad in human hearts on Christmas. Even as we invite Thee on Christmas to be born again in our hearts, so wilt Thou go with us throughout the days ahead, to be our Companion in all that we do.

Wilt Thou help each one of us to keep Christmas alive in our homes and hearts, that it may continue to glow, to shed its warmth, to speak its message during all the bleak days of winter. May we hold to that spirit, that we may be as gentle and as kindly today as we were on Christmas Eve; as generous tomorrow as we were on Christmas morning.

Then—if by Thy help—we should live through a whole week in that spirit, it may be that we can go another week, and thus be encouraged and gladdened by the discovery that Christmas can last the year round.—Peter Marshall

IN PRISON ON CHRISTMAS DAY

BY CAPTAIN FRED BROWN

THE prison was unusually quiet. It being Christmas Day, the prisoners felt depressed. Normally they appeared to be light-hearted and unconcerned about their bleak surroundings, but today was different. Most of them were thinking of loved ones. Imagination ran riot. What would the wife be doing and thinking? And what about the youngsters? How would they fare? The men, though in many cases hardened and callous, felt deeply and fought to control their emotions.

It was difficult for the prison authorities to introduce a "Christmas" atmosphere, but they did their best. But just imagine—Christmas Day in jail! Still, there was one bright spot. The Hammersmith Band of The Salvation Army was to play in the main hall. Naturally, the prisoners were delighted; it would break the monotony and cheer them up.

Surroundings Forgotten

The whole programme went down well and the prisoners appreciated, too, the remarks and fatherly counsel of the officer who accompanied the band. For a time the prison lost its repulsive and nauseating appearance; in fact, it was forgotten, if only for a brief hour.

All too quickly the programme was concluded, and the men filed back to their cells. Murmurs of approval and gratitude could be heard. "Good old Sally Ann! They remember us!" said an old fellow, and those hearing him endorsed his ejaculation enthusiastically.

At least one of the prisoners was particularly impressed. The playing of the band had revived memories of happier days, of the Christmas story that he had heard so often when younger, and he wondered. How different life could have been! What a hopeless mess he had made of things!

But what was the use of such thoughts? It was too late to change now. Even so, the next time he saw the Salvation Army Major in the course of cell visitation, he promised that on being released he would go to an Army hall. But to make a promise and then to keep it are two different things.

It was not long after stepping out of the prison gate—a free man again

—that he met three of his old associates. They had a job in mind and needed a car. Was he interested? It was not easy to say "no," but the ex-prisoner, remembering his promise to the Major, resisted their enticing overture and went his way, meaning to go straight.

Not long afterward, on a Sunday night, fed up and out on a spree with a few pals, he heard an Army band playing and saw a crowd of Salvationists taking part in an open-air meeting. Having nothing in particular to do, he stood to listen. His chums were not impressed and, weary of his refusal to move on, left him to look for some gay adventure.

Decided to Go

Somehow he felt attracted to these people. He believed in them. Had not a Salvation Army band played in the prison on Christmas Day? So he lingered near, and when someone invited those interested to attend a meeting in the Army hall close at hand, he decided to go.

What impressed him immediately he stepped inside the hall was the friendliness of everybody. He was accustomed to being ostracized, left strictly alone by most people, but now he felt that he was wanted and he had not felt like that for a long time.

The meeting was interesting and what he would have called "free and easy." Something about the people and the place "got him." He longed to be a better fellow. But what about the past? And had he not tried to go straight before, only to fail miserably in the end?

Yes, that was true, but the preacher—a woman—was talking about forgiveness. Not only that, but she claimed there was a power that, despite adverse circumstances and

peculiarity of temperament, could make and keep ordinary men and women good.

Of course, as a kid he had heard all this before, but then he had not been up against it. Now he was, and he wished desperately that it were true. Perhaps, after all, it only belonged to a story book. But he could not deny the fact that this woman believed what she said.

Apart from argument, however, he felt unclean inside, felt ashamed, and knew he was a sinner. When the invitation to seek God's forgiveness and receive the power to live victoriously was given, he knelt at the mercy-seat, where an officer prayed with him and explained the way of salvation.

That night he went home a new man, still aware of the many difficulties he had to face, but quietly confident about the future. On the following Sunday he made his way to Hammersmith. Those bandmen must know what had happened and he wanted to thank them.

Share
With Others



GIVE TO
The Salvation Army

ANNA FOUND THE ARMY

ANNA was a teenager who lived on the island of La Gonave some miles from the city of Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti. A family of Salvationists had but recently come to live on the little island, making their home next door to Anna's.

Tonsillitis was causing Anna much distress until finally the doctor said she must go to the capital for an operation as there were no suitable facilities for such in La Gonave.

Hearing of the proposed voyage and impending hospitalization, the little woman Salvationist next door talked long and earnestly to Anna about the wickedness so rampant in Port-au-Prince, telling her that if ever she was in difficulty, The Salvation Army would be sure to help her.

Reaching the capital, Anna was distressed to discover that someone had stolen her suitcase containing all her belongings.

Arrangements had been made for Anna to stay at her uncle's home. Two or three days later she entered hospital for the operation. After her discharge she had to wait for a "check-up," following which a longer stay than anticipated was necessary, and the need for more clothing was urgent.

Poor Anna—with no money, scanty wearing apparel, and dependent upon her uncle's generosity for sustenance, what could she do?

The unscrupulous uncle, detecting his niece's anguish, saw an opportunity to pursue his evil living, and suggested that he would provide

food and clothes if Anna would agree to "live with him" until she eventually was able to return home.

It was a miserable, wet night, the strong winds and rain outside making for great misery within the little cottage as Anna resolutely refused such evil suggestions.

Suddenly he tried to force her. Anna pushed him from her, quickly fled from the room and ran out into the stormy night. Drenched by the pouring rain, she ran blindly through the streets crying pitifully as she sought escape from the horror of those moments.

She was a stranger—alone and frightened in a city she scarcely knew.

Suddenly she remembered the words of her neighbour: "If you need any help go to the Salvationists." But Anna had no idea of the whereabouts of such people, and the rain-drenched streets were almost deserted.

Finally, however, after desperate enquiries, Anna found the little Army hall, where she met some Salvationists who gave her shelter and listened to her story. For some time she remained with her new friends, was eventually converted and later sworn-in as a Salvation Army soldier.

Anna has remained faithful to her witness and has decided to remain in Port-au-Prince. Unlike the beginning of the story, the ending is one of joy, for Anna married a Haitian Army bandsman a month or so ago.—*The War Cry, Australia.*

THE PATTERN OF A MOULD

By Captain William Johnston

IN Romans 12:1,2, (Phillips' translation) we read: "With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brother, as an act of intelligent worship, to give Him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him, and acceptable by Him. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God remould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good."

One must look back to the 11th chapter of this epistle before the true significance of these first verses of Romans 12 can be appreciated. In the foregoing chapter Paul reminds the reader of God's mercy and grace. Now when we read J. B. Phillips' translation of the first two verses of the 12th we seem to sense the urgency of the message. "I beg you, brothers, open your eyes to the mercies of God, and realize the perils of lethargic worship. Open your eyes and take notice that you cannot intelligently worship God, unless you present to him, your whole body—yourself as a living sacrifice. (Not just bringing your bodies to church, but bringing your body and soul to God.)"

When one presents something for sacrifice, there is no provision for return. When the Jewish people presented an animal for sacrifice, they relinquished claim to that animal. And when Paul exhorts the Romans to present their bodies in this manner, he means, "Give yourselves over to God without thought of return" . . . in short, "Let go, and let God take control." This is the least you can do.

"Do not let the world squeeze you into its own mould." The translator puts his finger on our twentieth-century society in this sentence, or should I say Paul did many years ago? Isn't it time we thought of this? Is the world squeezing me into its mould? Am I an individual, or am I merely an assembly line product of an assembly line society?

I think it would be agreed, generally, that the person who really steps out for Christ, who takes a definite stand for God and Christian principles, as laid down by the Word of God, would be considered different, or a "non-conformist." And yet this same Christ and these same Christian principles are the very centre of our being, without which we are nothing. Isn't there some danger of being squeezed into a mould?

Christmas Reflections



NEARLY two thousand years ago a Baby was born whose birthday we still remember in colourful annual celebration. During this month His infant likeness will be portrayed for public acclaim in many popular and prominent places. He will be pictured in the rough simplicity of His birthplace, or in the cradle of His mother's arms. The tiny form will be illustrated as surrounded by shepherds or as worshipped by wise men. The artist will

paint Him in the loving care of angels.

But always, at the centre of all artistry and publication, He will appear in the untried innocence of babyhood, as the ultimate in infant perfection.

His birth was a miraculous fact, but it was far transcended by His life and death. Has there lived another whose influence has left its mark for so many hundreds of years, whose name and standards weave

their thread into the very fabric of our lives.

He lived a blameless, exemplary life, and was a Man of great character and ability. He has been the inspiration for countless masterpieces of music, literature, art and education.

In our country the founding fathers of Canada proclaimed that His Father would rule from sea to sea, and engraved the words above the entrance to Parliament Buildings as a witness to all. Parliament is opened in His name, 90% of Canadian marriages are sanctioned in His name, indicating a nationwide allegiance to His way of life.

Because of Him

The monarchs of the British Commonwealth of Nations are crowned in a deeply significant ceremony, wherein they humble themselves before Him. His name is honoured in many countries of the world.

Thousands of buildings, old and new, beautiful and plain, send their spires into the sky and open their doors to all—because of Him. Uncounted pages have been printed about Him. One matchless Book has had millions of copies printed—more, by far, than all others in the world.

He has given the world an unsurpassed standard of ethics, still applicable in this day. He lived a life of simplicity such as few other great men have done.

Most important of all, He gave His life for the redemption of mankind.

On birthday celebrations of a king, dictator, scientist, or entertainer, great philosopher or historical figure, pictures of the renowned are publicly displayed, showing the complete maturity of the man, with the full experience of living gathered into the expression of his face.

This One lived as no other has done. So, why, on His birthday, do we portray only the infant?

Is it because we have forgotten the Man?—E.G.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

For Family and Private Worship

SUNDAY—

Job 41: 1-17. "WHATSOEVER IS UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN IS MINE." These are God's words to Job. He bids him consider the mighty monsters of the deep, such as the crocodile, against whose strength in Job's day men were practically helpless. Yet the crocodile's power was as nothing compared with that of its Almighty Creator. (v. 10). From a study of the wonders of His creation, we, too, may learn something of the majesty and might of our glorious Creator.

MONDAY—

Job 41: 18-34. "HE IS A KING OVER ALL THE CHILDREN OF PRIDE." Notice this oriental method of describing the power of leviathan. Verses 31 and 32 picture the effect on a river or a pool of a crocodile in its wrath. The angry creature stirs and lashes the water till white with foam, it seems to boil. Unless we take pains to understand the poetical language of the Bible we miss a great deal of its beauty and meaning.

TUESDAY—

Job 42: 1-9. "MINE EYES SEETH THEE, WHEREFORE I ABHOR MYSELF." Though, to some extent, Job had known God for years, yet never before had such a revelation of the divine power and purity been granted to him. With this new vision of God came the realization of his own sinfulness, and need for repentance. Oh, that our spiritual eyes might be so anointed that we, too, could see ourselves in the light that comes with a true vision of God!

WEDNESDAY—

Job 42: 10-17. "SO THE LORD BLESSED THE LATTER END OF JOB MORE THAN HIS BEGINNING." The best is always yet to be

with God. He delights to do better unto us than at our beginnings (Ezek. 36:11.) Whilst His goodness and mercy follow us all our days, life's "best wine" He would have us enjoy at the end.

THURSDAY—

1 Timothy 1: 1-11. "TIMOTHY, MY OWN SON IN THE FAITH." Timothy was converted at Lystra, when just a lad, through the Apostle Paul. His father was a Greek, but his mother and grandmother were Jewesses, and they taught him God's Word from his early childhood. After working under Paul for some time, Timothy was left at Ephesus to carry on the work there. Picture yourself in Timothy's place, and read this letter as if it were addressed to you.

FRIDAY—

1 Timothy 1: 12-20. "WAR A GOOD WARFARE." We are soldiers of Jesus. A soldier's life is often difficult and trying. Christ promises us—not an easy time but "grace sufficient" to overcome all the forces of evil arrayed against us. When the fight is hard, then, do not let us grumble; but, clad in the whole armour of God, let us "war a good warfare."

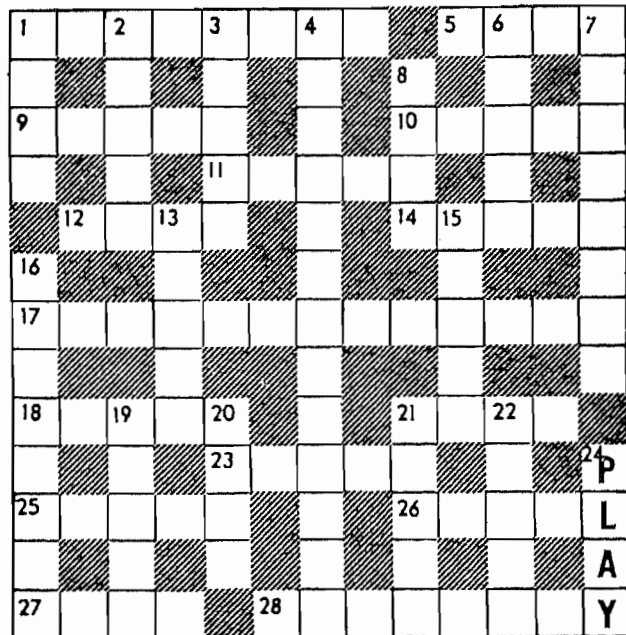
SATURDAY—

1 Timothy 2: 1-15. "ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS."

I have no claim on grace;
I have no right to plead;
I stand before my Maker's face
Condemn'd in thought and deed.
But since there died a Lamb
Who guiltless my guilt bore
I lay fast hold on Jesus' name
And sin is mine no more.

SCRIPTURAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Where a dash occurs, the missing word is the required solution. Biblical references are given in a separate section, to be used if required. Solution to puzzle will appear next week.



- ACROSS**
- "But _____ of the Spirit is love, joy, peace"
 - "_____ profane and vain babblings"
 - Well-known Gittite
 - The Psalmist says that we need not fear the one that flies by day
 - The five thousand sat upon such grass
 - Put a pound in the pan and turn out a charl
 - Almost tail-less diving bird
 - Shallum "began to reign in the nine and _____ of Uzziah"
 - It is hard for a rich man to do this into the Kingdom of Heaven
 - Lose the choral part of pleasing and it becomes a defence
 - "_____ with us: for it is to-ward evening"
 - Ruth told Naomi she would thus ears of corn
 - Isaiah called woe upon this city where David dwelt
 - "_____ not Thy commandments from me"
 - On the seventh day there was to be a solemn one

- DOWN**
- Behemoth moved "his _____ like a cedar"
 - "I will _____ Thee, O Lord," said the Psalmist
 - Pontius Pilate was governor in the fifteenth year of that of Tiberius Caesar
 - Paul exhorted that these should be made for all men
 - God does not delight in the strength of this creature
 - Ezekiel exhorted the house of Israel to make this and a new spirit
 - "Silas prayed, and _____ praises unto God"
 - "The spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three _____ in one"
 - Herod, arrayed in such apparel, made an oration
 - We must love God with all our _____
 - "I give unto you power to _____ on serpents"
 - In his dream Pharaoh saw the ears of corn come up thus and good
 - Our enemies do not speak this
 - David's eldest brother
 - "_____ skilfully with a loud noise"

REFERENCES ACROSS

1. Gal. 5. 5. 2 Tim. 2. 9. 2 Sam. 15. 10. Ps. 91. 11. Mark 6. 17. 2 Kings 15. 18. Matt. 19. 21. Luke 24. 25. Ruth 2. 26. Is. 29. 27. Ps. 119. 28. Deut. 16.

DOWN

1. Job 40. 2. Ps. 30. 3. Luke 3. 4. 1 Tim. 2. 6. Ps. 147. 7. Ezek. 18. 8. Acts 16. 13. 1 John 5. 15. Acts 12. 16. and 19. Luke 10. 20. Gen. 41. 21. Ps. 35. 22. 1 Sam 17. 24. Ps. 33.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. HAUGHTINESS. 8. UNCLE. 9. MATTOCK. 11. ELK. 12. ANIMAL. 13. STAR. 15. UNTO. 16. ESAU. 18. LOSS. 20. UNDONE. 23. TWO. 25. LOBSTER. 26. ISLES. 27. ASTROLOGERS.

DOWN

2. ANCIENT. 3. GREEKS. 4. TIME. 5. STORM. 6. SUMPTUOUSLY. 7. SKILFULNESS. 10. TIN. 12. ARMS. 14. TILE. 17. SPOILER. 19. STRING. 21. DEBTS. 22. NUT. 24. OPAL

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By Order of the Governor in Council, the following appointments have been made:
 Major Eva Burton, Sydney Grace Haven, Superintendent
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 Captain Walter Grant, John Inglewood, Nurse
 London Children's Village, Nurse

Wycliffe Booth

Territorial Commander

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Brigadier Mary May (R), out of Winnipeg, Man., in 1925. From Winnipeg, Man., on November 21, 1962.
 Mrs. Major Ambrose Cummings (R) (nee Florence Edwards), out of Woodstock, N.B., in 1913. From Toronto, Ont., on November 20, 1962.
 Mrs. Major Wallace Turpin (R) (nee Lottie Letty), out of Toronto, Ont., in 1900. From Brampton, Ont., on November 26, 1962.

Coming Events

Commissioner and Mrs. W. Booth

Llydaly, Tue Dec 18
 Toronto Evening Home, Wed Dec 19
 Sherbourne St. Hostel, Wed Dec 19
 Grace Hospital, Thur Dec 20
 Palladium Hall, Thur Dec 20 (evening)
 Toronto Temple, Sun Dec 23
 Don Jail, Tue Dec 25 (morning)
 Toronto Harbour Light, Tue Dec 25 (evening)
 "The Homestead", Thur Dec 27
 Arthur Meighen Auditorium, Fri Dec 28
 Parry Sound, Sat-Sun Jan 5-6, 1963 (opening)
 St. Chad's Anglican Church, Wed Jan 9,
 Danforth, Fri Jan 11, (United Holiness Meeting)

Colonel and Mrs. H. Wallace

Llydaly, Tue Dec 18; Palladium Hall, Thur Dec 20; Toronto Rehabilitation Centre, Fri Dec 21; North Toronto, Sun Dec 23; Toronto Harbour Light, Sun Dec 30 (evening)

Colonel and Mrs. C. Knaap

Lippincott, Sun Dec 30

Colonel W. Rich: Toronto Harbour Light, Sun Dec 23

Lt.-Colonel E. Burnell: Oshawa, Jan 9

Lt.-Colonel A. Dixon: Wychwood, Sun Dec 23; Fairbank, Sun Dec 30; Richmond St. Rehabilitation Centre, Mon Dec 31 (Watchnight Service); London Citadel, Jan 6, 1963; Quebec and Eastern Ontario Division, Thurs-Wed Jan 10-16

Mrs. Lt.-Colonel A. Dixon: Kingston, Mon Jan 14

Lt.-Colonel C. Hiltz: Parkdale Citadel, Sat-Sun Jan 12-13

Lt.-Colonel A. Moulton: Portage la Prairie, Sun Dec 16; Winnipeg Citadel, Sun Dec 23

Lt.-Colonel F. Moulton: Richmond St. Rehabilitation Centre, Sun Dec 23 (evening)

Lt.-Colonel W. Ross: Port Colborne, Sun Dec 16 (morning); Mount Hamilton, (evening); Hamilton Citadel, Sun Dec 23; Hespeler, Sun Dec 30 (morning); Listowel, (evening); Barton St., Mon Dec 31

Lt.-Colonel A. Simester: Belleville, Sun Dec 23; Picton, Mon Dec 31

Brigadier A. Brown: Niagara Falls, Mon Dec 17; Oakville, Sun Dec 23; Alberta Division, Sat-Fri Jan 5-11, 1963; Simcoe, Sat-Sun Jan 12-13

Brigadier D. Sharp: Danforth, Sun Jan 13

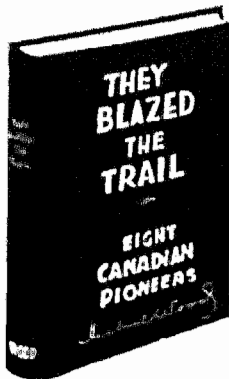
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CORRIGAN, Thomas James William. Born Dec 6/1924 at Carlyle, Sask. Irish. Has worked at Leitch Gold Mines, Beardmore, Ont. May be known in Winnipeg. Last heard from about 1960 from Edmonton, Alta. Mother anxious. 17-789
 DUNKERS, Mrs. Aila Anelma, née Turainen. Born Sept 4/1934 in Finland. Husband Bjorn Dunkers. Last heard from in 1957 from Montreal. Sister inquiring. 17-741

FORD, Elizabeth Anne. Born Aug 23/1946 in Toronto. Known as Betty or Betty Anne. 5'6", medium build, subject to epilepsy. Missing from home in Toronto 3 months. Mother very anxious. 17-790
 HARRIGAN or TODD, Elizabeth (Betty). Born May 16/1927 at Glasgow, Scotland. Machinist. Came to Canada 10 years ago. May be in Hamilton, Ont. Sister wishes to locate. 17-799

HOLLOCK, Henry William. Born July 18, 1926 in Birmingham, England, and his wife Elsie, born Jan 9/1927 in Malaya. Mr. Hollock wears artificial right eye. Mrs. Hollock usually works in bank. Last heard from in 1960 from Vancouver. May be in Edmonton, Alta. Mother inquiring. 17-656
 KOSHIKA, Michael. Born in 1922 in Poland. Last known address Winnipeg, Man. Relative in U.S.A. inquiring. 17-806
 LEVENE, Harold. Born May 8/1915 in London, England. Tailor or taxi driver. Married in Canada 8 years ago. Has daughter, Catherine Gail, born 6 years ago. Last known address Vancouver. Sister wishes to locate. 17-756

ONIFREY, Peter Gordon Paul (uses Gordie). Born Aug 13/1929 in Winnipeg. Cook or fisherman. Last heard from in May 1962 from Vancouver. Mother inquiring. 17-723

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OUMET, Paul Henry. Born Aug 6/1945 at Glen Nevis, Ont. French. Has worked at Brown Shoe Factory, Alexandria, Ont. Missing since July 30/1962. Mother very ill. Brother anxious to locate. 17-774

PATTMORE, Joan. Age 19. Came to Canada with parents in 1956 from Enfield, England. Believed to be in B.C. School friend inquiring. 17-786

PEDERSEN, Erling. Age about 55. Born in Norway. Single. About 5'6", stout build, speaks loudly. Has worked for C.N.R. Vancouver. Taken ill in Montreal when on journey to Norway in June 1961, has not been heard of since. Had previous mental illness. Relatives anxious as to his welfare. 17-665

PELKY, Mrs. Muriel, née Walters. Born Jan 7/1921 in Blind River, Ont. Has daughter Rebecca aged 11. Went to Winnipeg in Sept. 1960, lived with Ukrainian family. May be cook. Relative inquiring. 17-792

PETERSON, Esther Connie Rae. Born March 12/1945 in Alberta. Of Swedish family. Last heard from in July 1962 from Whitehorse, Yukon. Father anxious. 17-778

RAMSEY, Annie Elvin, née Pemberton. Born Sept 6/1875 at Woodbridge, England, wife of Albert James Ramsey. Also daughter Ethel Maud Ramsey, born March 22/1899 at Dovercourt, England. Came to Canada about 1900. Required in connection with estate. 17-797

ROBERTSON, George Main. Born Nov 7/1925 in Montreal but brought up in Scotland. 5'6", fair hair, small scar on bridge of nose. Came to Canada in 1958. Has been insurance agent, also factory worker. Relative inquiring. 17-795

SAARI, Miss Siiri. Age about 62, born in Finland. Came to Canada 36 years ago. Last known address Toronto. Had relatives in Port Arthur, Ont. Friend in Finland inquiring. 17-784

SMITH, Alexander. Age about 67. Born in Aberdeen, Scotland. Single at last contact. Mother's maiden name Margaret Ann Murray. Sister Margaret in Aberdeen inquiring. 17-689

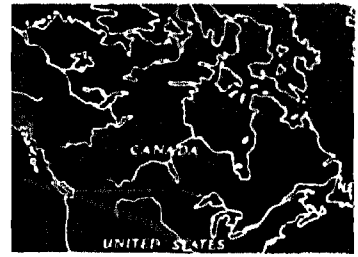
SOMES, Donna Charmaine, née Haennel. Age 20, also son Terence Kenneth. Relatives inquiring. 17-788

TIMKO, Mrs. Frances M., (alias Sutherland). Age 31. Born in Saskatchewan. Last heard of in 1959 in Barrie, Ont. Relative inquiring. 17-779

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Caroline. Age about 60. Widow of Horace Williams. Has daughter Joan. Last heard from in 1957 at Crystal Beach, Ont. Was Salvationist in Toronto up to 1942, thought to have returned to Toronto. Friend wishes to locate. 17-804

THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

NEWSY ITEMS FROM ACROSS THE TERRITORY
GATHERED BY COLONEL H. G. WALLACE



THIS WEEK'S COMMENT—There is only one thing to do about anything, and that is to do the **RIGHT** thing. Just do right! Do right, if the stars fall. Do right, if all the world seems to be against you. Just do right.

NURSES' FELLOWSHIP. The Territorial Secretary for The Salvation Army Nurses' Fellowship, Mrs. Colonel Wallace, advises that since the annual congresses and the visit of Mrs. Commissioner Erik Wickberg, the world president of the movement, twenty-five new members have been enrolled. This is good news!

GIFTS FOR GHANA. As the result of an appeal by the Territorial Youth Secretary, Brigadier Arnold Brown, the Youth Department has been able to despatch the first shipment to Lt.-Colonel William Fleming, Officer Commanding for Ghana, who is anxious to develop a youth centre at Tema. This consignment included a set of encyclopedias (twenty volumes), twenty three badminton sets, basketballs, fifty-five table tennis sets and baseballs.

Good books are especially required and our young people's sections throughout the territory may like to contact the Youth Department in this connection.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT. I have been pleased to receive from Mrs. Ellen Taply, of the Canadian Embassy in Germany, a gift of \$50 to our "Christmas Cheer Fund." This comes from Canadian Government employees in the Cologne area, and we are most grateful.

OUTSTANDING MUSICALES. Duo-festivals and tri-festivals seem to be the order of the day. A recent duo-songster festival presented by the Danforth and Peterborough Brigades at Danforth, over which I was privileged to preside, was quite outstanding in merit, and each of the items would do justice to any Salvation Army occasion.

A tri-band festival, with the Oshawa, Peterborough and Belleville Bands uniting, packed the hall at Peterborough Temple

recently. The bandmasters voluntarily assigned the profits of \$170. to the development of the music camp held at the divisional camp at Roblin Lake. (See page five for full report).

DECISION SUNDAY. Many readers will recall their own decision for Christ at a Decision Sunday meeting and will, therefore, thank

God that at the last similar gathering 900 seekers were registered throughout the territory. There were also 380 other young folk who sought the Lord since the previous Decision Sunday, 154 junior soldiers being enrolled. This is encouraging to all young people's workers and cause for rejoicing by all who love the Lord, and the young people.

A SOLDIER'S HOME

Tune: A melody from "William Tell" (Rossini), recently adapted as "A Scottish Soldier" ("Green Hills of Tyrol")

*WE are God's soldiers, His fighting soldiers,
We've travelled far and wide with Jesus as our guide;
His grace has helped us, His love compelled us
To follow Him until the victory's won.
We've seen His glory and told the story
Of fighting steadily and serving readily;
Of sinners dying, for mercy crying,
Who now are on their journey Home.*

Chorus

*Come follow Him now and you'll happy be,
Come away today, O come while you may;
List to the call and heed His voice just now
Before you are summoned Home.*

*And now God's soldiers, His fighting soldiers,
When we are far away, in yonder Land to stay,
We'll tell in Glory, the "old, old story"
Which brought us liberty and made us free.
We'll sing in Glory the rapturous story
Of fighting steadily and serving readily;
No death nor sighing, and no more crying
When we are in our Home above.*

Mrs. Sr.-Major Walter Boshier.

NURSING SUCCESS. The good news has been announced that Major Eva Cosby, whom we have recently welcomed on homeland furlough and who, since leaving her appointment in Hong Kong, has been undertaking a three-year course in nursing in London, England, has been successful in her examinations. She is now a State Registered Nurse (S.R.N.). The Major will return to London early next year to commence a one-year midwifery course at the Mothers' Hospital.

T.H.Q. DUTIES. In order to meet the needs of the moment, Major May Bailey is acting as secretary to the Territorial Commander and Captain May Walter as secretary to the Chief Secretary. Major Thelma Stewart is also relieving in this office.

Captain Bruce Halsey is to be attached to the Chief Secretary's office and will be known as the liaison officer in social welfare. The Captain has for two years been giving good service at the training college and the House of Concord, in addition to social welfare duties at Territorial Headquarters.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER—"Gracious God, help me to do right even though I may be misunderstood in the doing of it. Even though my judgment is not carried, help me to do right, because it is right. Amen."

NEWS AND NOTES

Sr.-Major and Mrs. Walter Boshier (R) were married fifty years ago on Christmas Day. They were soldiers of the Wychwood Corps, Toronto, at that time and the ceremony was conducted by Major (later Lt.-Colonel) David Moore.

The call to officership came to them in a meeting in Cooke's Church led by General Bramwell Booth and was confirmed by the need arising from the *Empress of Ireland* disaster. They entered the training college in September, 1914, and, as cadets, took charge of the North Toronto Corps, where they have now been soldiers for five years. It is at this centre that their golden jubilee wedding celebrations are to be held.

Mrs. Boshier is the writer of "A Soldier's Home", which appears on this page.

The visit of the Territorial Commander to Happy Valley, Labrador, on Tuesday, December 4th, coincided with this centre's official recognition as a corps of the Newfoundland Province.

A daughter, Linda Louise, has been welcomed into the home of Major and Mrs. Claude Simpson, of the Montreal Men's Social Service Centre, on November 13th.

A daughter, Catherine Gladys Joy, has been welcomed into the home of Captain and Mrs. Harold Thornhill, of the Grace Hospital, Windsor, on November 17th.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

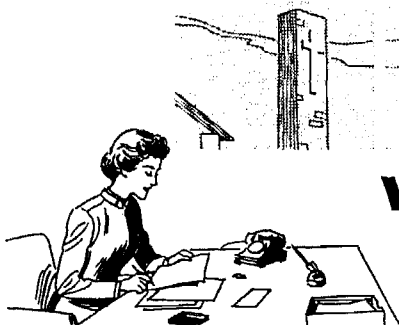
MRS. Major Wallace Turpin (R) was promoted to Glory from Brampton, Ontario, on November 26th. The funeral service was conducted by Colonel Gilbert Best (R).

Mrs. Brigadier Robert White was promoted to Glory from Galt, Ontario, on November 28th. The funeral service was conducted by Lt.-Colonel Frank Moulton.

Brigadier John Wallace White (R) was promoted to Glory from St. John's Newfoundland, on November 29th. The funeral service was conducted in Toronto by Colonel Gilbert Best (R).

A WEEKLY DIARY OF EVENTS AT THE TORONTO TRAINING COLLEGE

WINDOW ON BAYVIEW



"PERSON to person, please!" The telephone lines are always busy here, and so are college methods designed to connect the Gospel message.

Eleven contacts were made during the selling of "WAR CRY" in a residential district this week. Each one was invited to seek a personal faith and join congregational worship for, as cadets move among the people, many are found to have crowded out any such consideration.

Four teenage boys were among Sunday morning seekers at Mount Dennis; they had been brought into the meeting by cadets. It was most gratifying to notice the quick and keen interest of the young Salvationists of the corps to jot down the addresses of the newcomers with a view to linking them to corps activities, such as scouts, youth fellowship and the hockey club.

"The morning after the night before" this time was wonderful! Thirty redeemed men joined the Harbour Light meeting on Sunday morning after being brought to a late eleven o'clock meeting in the

centre the night before. Two open air meetings were conducted and the cadets moved about the streets to help men and women find their way. The Holy Spirit led them to enquire and to seek divine restoration. A group of men from the centre joined the cadets and took part, too, in bringing others to the meeting and sharing experiences to help explain the provisions of redemption for all.

Cadets were happy to be present with the Parliament Street commanding officer in two homes for the dedication of children. Other children in these families now attend the company meeting.

Both at the House of Concord and the Sherbourne Street Hostel meetings were conducted by the cadets and training officers, and opportunities taken to visit as many as possible.

In another area the Sunday afternoon was spent by a brigade visiting some forty-five couples in apartment buildings and a survey was made to help organize regular meetings in the district.

During a morning this week about 2,000 copies of the Christmas "WAR CRY" were sold in downtown offices. One cadet found himself in the offices of his former employment and afterwards des-

cribed the victory of that opportunity to witness for God.

Cadet Beach gladly accepted the invitation of the C.B.C. Radio Station to record a Christmas greeting to his family and friends in Bermuda. He especially mentioned his Salvationist comrades in the home corps units and the divisional commanders, as representative leaders. This was the first time that such an opportunity could be arranged and we are proud of this link with the people of that island.

The Lisgar Street brigade of women cadets particularly welcomed Major Ruth Knowles to the Monday morning assembly, and we all appreciated her practical message. Cadet Lampert challenged every person present with the needs of Burma and prayed for the Salvationists at work there.

Commissioner and Mrs. William Davidson met the cadets and staff, bringing greetings from the college in Atlanta. Both spoke words of council and inspiration drawn from their years of experience and love for people. Commissioner Wycliffe Booth found time again to lecture to the "Servants of Christ" Session on "The Spirit of Salvationism."

Captain Evelyn Hammond



DIALING YOUTH-1-9-6-2

A FRIENDLY CALL FROM "YEOMAN"

HIT OR MYTH?

IT'S JUST "X'MAS WITHOUT CHRIST

HELLO again! Yeoman here. Hitting upon the deeper truths of the Christmas story is sometimes made harder by the mass of trivialities which go with it. But, at least, the seasonable commercialism only covers, rather than challenges its messages. However, a statement made recently by a University of British Columbia professor that the Christ of the Gospels did not exist is something of another colour. This is pulling at the roots of the Christian message of God Incarnate. What would have been your reaction if you had been among the 800 students listening to that particular lecture?

A question like that, Yeoman, would hinge on my own personal spiritual experience. As an agnostic, or even as a nominal Christian, I would have probably agreed with the statement.

Why do you say that a nominal Christian might tend to agree with the professor?

Because he is at a disadvantage. He hasn't thought enough about his own beliefs and can be led astray by those who apparently have.

Yes. It is a fact that often the impetus thoroughly to investigate the Christian message first comes from a source which is opposed to it. We go to Sunday school, we sit in church every week, we are soaked in Christian beliefs, but it seems our thinking about it all has, at best, been superficial. The critic seems to make that so clear.

That's why the young Christian tends to be close-mouthed about his beliefs. He cannot cope with his critics. He hasn't been prepared for them.

Are you saying that, as far as Christian teaching is concerned, too much is laid down rather than shared out?

To some extent, yes. And there is often little encouragement given to think. For instance, take the Christmas story. If some think it a myth, the Church might be helping promote that thinking. We have a manger scene with the three wise men. It's pretty, but who says it's true? The Bible doesn't. It doesn't mention how many there were, nor does it say that Christ was in the manger when they arrived. It specifically mentions "the house". It's a small thing, but it's an indication of untidy presentation of the story which detractors are quick to seize upon.

It is not only a matter of loose facts, of course. It is the confusion within us when we are challenged by non-believers which really upsets us. Then our reaction to this inward lack of spiritual knowledge becomes all important.

Yes, it seems we are left with a choice. We want to know the truth but there are seemingly two different roads which lead to it. One involves a process of sheer logical thought. The other road adds faith to that process. And unless we exercise naked faith in Christ our thinking will lead only so far as we can take ourselves to truth. And this is not far enough. Man is too finite to arrive at life's ultimate truths by himself.

What you have said uncovers, of course, the essential message of Christmas: Christ as Man, to man, to be within man. If we do not have

His Spirit within us, then Christmas just becomes "X'mas, the unknown quantity. But knowing Christ puts Christmas into its true perspective. I'll be calling again. Until then, look up and look after yourself. And all the season's greetings!

POSITIVE CONTACT FOR CHRIST!

BY GRAYSON BUTLER, Lewisporte, Newfoundland

THE days we live in have been rightly described as "crisis times." We have been brought closer to the reality of mass nuclear destruction by the Cuban situation. But as dangerous as are men's capabilities to destroy the body, much more lethal is his introduction of ideas leading to destruction of the soul.

Communism is an increasing threat to the Christian way of life. It is not confined to Russia and her satellites, as some think, but its ideology is being accepted more readily by many this side of the Iron Curtain, too.

It is in this time of world-wide confusion and despair that we must make contact with others, especially young people, for the cause of Christ. This personal approach is also used effectively by the Communist.

There is a story of a Communist and a Christian who worked side by side in a factory. The former had made several successful contacts, the latter none at all. The Christian was rather startled one day when the young Communist said to him: "I have made ten successful contacts for Communism. How many have you made for your belief?" Certainly, we have an ever-deepening responsibility to speak up for

YOUTH LEADER TOURS NOVA SCOTIA

MAKING his first visit as Territorial Youth Secretary, Brigadier A. Brown, spent nine days on tour in Nova Scotia, touching a majority of the corps and meeting a large number of young people.

At Sydney, where junior councils in the Cape Breton area were convened, many young folk participated in the sessions, reading excellent papers and giving witness in word and song to a spiritual experience of practical value in everyday living.

The Brigadier, using various visual aids, gave challenging messages and, in response, twenty young people presented themselves to Christ for more effective service.

In the evening a public meeting was held featuring corps cadets of the island, some of whom received graduate certificates. Of special interest was the announcement of the winner of the Ivany Award which went to the New Aberdeen brigade, with New Waterford a close runner-up.

A period of salute and farewell was accorded Captain and Mrs. G. Leonard, who have seen service on the island and were soon to leave for missionary service in India. After a ceremony of dedication conducted by Brigadier Brown, close to a score of "replacements" publicly accepted the challenge of officer-ship and two young people knelt at the mercy-seat.

On the Sunday the Brigadier visited New Aberdeen, Glace Bay and New Waterford, and at each island centre youth prominently participated and decisions were registered at the penitent-form.

Annapolis Response

The next evening a conference and workshop, directed by Brigadier Brown, and assisted by the Divisional Youth Secretary, Captain M. Webster, was held at North Sydney with more than ninety young people's workers in attendance.

Tuesday evening found youth workers in the Pictou County area enjoying an informative supper meeting at New Glasgow. A public meeting followed and a backslider of some twenty-two years was among the seekers.

A similar schedule was fulfilled at Kentville in the Annapolis Valley, where a highlight of the public meeting was the presentation of the newly-formed singing company of the host corps. Once again, following the Brigadier's Bible message, a number of seekers responded to the invitation.

On the Thursday, youth workers of the Halifax-Dartmouth area met the Territorial Youth Secretary at Halifax North for a meal and a session of instruction, discussion and inspiration.

Corps cadets from the mainland gathered at Windsor on the Saturday for the annual rally and an opportunity to greet Brigadier Brown. More than 120 young people sang with enthusiasm, "We are on the Lord's side!" before a period of devotion and instruction, then dispersed to group discussion of topics pertinent to youth. Records later reported their findings to the whole assembly.

Dedicated Lives

After a supper meal together, the young folk joined their seniors, literally to pack the hall to capacity point. The Digby brigade was awarded the Carmichael Award for smaller brigades, the runner-up being Yarmouth, and graduate pins and diplomas were presented.

On the final Sunday Brigadier Brown visited Halifax Citadel, Arm-dale and Dartmouth, and at the latter corps, during the salvation meeting, three young men were joined by a singing company member in dedicating their lives to God. It was a fitting climax to a highly successful tour.—M.W.

HIGHER CALLING

One day the Saviour looked at a young business man and saw in him qualities of character unsuspected by the man himself. He simply said, "Follow Me." Matthew left all—security, comfort and position—and followed the Master. He eventually became the writer of the first Gospel, an honour he could never have visualized when he answered the call.



Above: Cub Leader Ethel Phenix, of the Wallaceburg Salvation Army pack, is seen receiving the Scout Leaders' Long Service Award from District Commissioner Henry Penner. She is also record sergeant and acting young people's sergeant-major at this Western Ontario centre. Right: Captain M. Kelly, of the Territorial Youth Department, on duty at the Army's exhibit during the Ontario Sunday School Association convention.



DECISIONS DURING YOUTH LEADERS' VISITS

At Dartmouth, N.S. (Captain R. Zwicker), a capacity crowd welcomed the Territorial Youth Secretary, Brigadier A. Brown, supported by the Divisional Youth Secretary and Mrs. Captain M. Webster. The meeting also marked the retirement of Corps Treasurer Mrs. N. Ritchie, after giving twenty-nine years of faithful service in that capacity. Commissioned were Corps Treasurer R. Donovan, Home League Secretary Mrs. R. Banfield and Home League Treasurer Mrs. W. Donovan. During a well-fought prayer battle four seekers knelt at the penitent-form.

Several have claimed salvation in recent weeks and a fine group is taking preparation classes for senior soldiery.

The Assistant Territorial Youth Secretary, Major J. Craig, accompanied by the Divisional Youth Secretary, Captain W. Kerr, led weekend meetings at the Lakehead corps. On the Friday afternoon a united junior soldiers' supper and rally was held at Fort William (Captain and Mrs. S. Ratcliffe). The next day Major Craig conducted a profitable workshop for young people's workers.

The young people gathered in goodly numbers for the open-air meeting prior to the youth rally at Port Arthur (Captain and Mrs. G. Kerr). The united bands contributed a march and a selection, the Fort William singing company sang, the Port Arthur timbrellists presented a smart drill, and there were solos and duets. The Major gave a challenging message.

Remembrance Day and Junior Soldiers' Day of Renewal were linked together. Fireside hours at both corps brought the day to a close. There was joy as seekers, young and old, made decisions for Christ.

UNITED FOR SERVICE

MAJOR E. Parr, assisted by Sr.-Major D. Snowden (R), performed the wedding ceremony of the Major's daughter, Songster Carol Ann, to Bandsman Robert Kennedy, at North Toronto. The maid of honour was Sandra Parr and the bridesmaids were Frances Nimmo and Judy Cole. The best man was John Cole, the flower girl Wendy Ward, the ring-bearer Peter Cullen and the



ushers Donald Kennedy and James Cullen. Major K. Rawlins officiated at the piano and Mrs. Captain C. Burrows soloed.

The reception was held in the lower hall, and Brigadier A. Brown was emcee, while Mr. W. Snowden also took part. The bridegroom, in his speech, declared that Christ should always be the head of his house.

Mrs. Daisy Kennedy, mother of the groom, and Major Parr both spoke, as did the best man. The newly-weds will reside at London, Ont., where Gordon is studying at the Western University. It is almost the sixth anniversary of his father's death in a plane crash in the Rocky Mountains.

The evening closed with the singing of "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee."

When the Divisional Youth Secretary and Mrs. Major F. Jennings conducted weekend meetings at Maple Creek, Sask. (Lieutenant E. Round), a film, "The Open Door," was shown on Saturday night. In the company meeting six young people knelt at the penitent-form.

The Divisional Commander and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel A. Moulton conducted inspiring meetings at St. James, Man. (Captain and Mrs. A. E. Milley), during which Bandmaster C. Bond and family, recent arrivals from Nova Scotia, were welcomed.

In an hour of fellowship following the salvation meeting, the newcomers were introduced by the commanding officer and suitably replied. A programme featuring the band, songster brigade, and the Divisional Commander and his three sons was also enjoyed. Lt.-Colonel Moulton paid tribute to Retired Bandmaster T. Cousins, who had taken over the band again for a temporary period.—F.H.

When at Carmanville North, Nfld. (Captain and Mrs. F. Roberts), Prospective Candidates E. Faulkner, L. Tippet, and C. Parsons conducted meetings, inspiring Bible messages were given and two seekers knelt at the mercy-seat, one, a young person, the other, a backslider.—F.R.



Above: At North Toronto, the Corps Officers, Captain and Mrs. C. Burrows, and Envoy A. Steele, are seen beside the specially erected cenotaph on Remembrance Day. Left: Brother D. Goldsmith (second from right) cuts the eightieth anniversary cake at Chatham, Ont. Major and Mrs. A. Pitcher (left) and Major and Mrs. B. Bernat, who have since received changes of appointment, are also seen.

SEEKERS ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

Seventy-sixth anniversary meetings at Wingham, Ontario (Auxiliary-Captain and Mrs. S. Newman), were conducted by Captain B. Tillsley of the Toronto Training College. The Kitchener Band (Bandmaster B. Storar) provided musical support during the weekend.

A festival was held at the Wingham District High School. The Sunday began with a well-attended knee drill followed by an open-air meeting at the local hospital. The visiting band took a prominent part in the Remembrance Day Service, marching from the cenotaph to the holiness meeting. The citadel was filled for each gathering. Captain Tillsley's messages brought blessing and ten seekers at the mercy-seat. G.S.N.

At West Toronto (Major and Mrs. V. Greenwood), Remembrance Day meetings were conducted by the Divisional Chancellor and Mrs. Brigadier B. Meakings. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Bandsman E. Pugh, and Band Reservist H. Read, a veteran of World War I, placed a wreath on the cenotaph erected on the platform.

In the holiness meeting Brigadier Meakings' Bible message made clear the need of the Christ of Peace in men's lives. Mrs. Brigadier Meakings gave a timely message in the salvation meeting.

Earlier the band had participated at a sunrise Remembrance Service at Prospect Cemetery, and later, at

another held in the Swansea Canadian Legion Hall.—V.M.

November was designated "Month of Evangelism" in connection with the "Christ for Crisis Times" campaign at Vernon, B.C., (Lieutenant and Mrs. I. Carmichael). Initial weekend meetings were conducted by Major and Mrs. L. Longden, of Tacoma Citadel, Washington, U.S.A., and created much interest. Mrs. Major Longden contributed vocal solos and the visitors' four sons provided instrumental items. Several backsliders were visited and a seeker was recorded. An early morning gathering for members of the local Kiwanis Club, of which the Major is a charter member, was also held.

A ten-day spiritual campaign conducted by Envoy William MacLuskie, of Nanaimo, followed. The envoy's Bible messages were related to every-day needs and five seekers were recorded. New children were also secured for the company meeting through intensive visitation.

The open-air witness has also been revived and many have expressed their gratitude for this phase of Army work.

At Tweed, Ont. (Captain and Mrs. I. Hann), the commanding officer, accompanied by the band, conducted a Remembrance Day service at the Tweed Park Cenotaph.

Initial plans have been laid for the construction of a new citadel on the present site and a building fund has been commenced.—E.B.

ANNIVERSARIES EAST AND WEST

The fiftieth anniversary weekend at Hillhurst, Calgary, Alberta (Captain and Mrs. E. Gurney), commenced with a corps banquet. The Medicine Hat Songster Brigade (Leader R. Burkett), which later presented a programme, joined with corps comrades for this meal, tastefully served by the Montgomery Home League, which corps was once an outpost of Hillhurst.

The Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel W. Pedlar, expressed words of congratulations and encouragement and spoke of the possibility of a new corps building being opened next year. The anniversary cake was cut by Sister Mrs. T. W. Kelter, the oldest soldier on the roll, who



has attended the corps since it was opened, assisted by the youngest junior soldier, Patsey Nichol. Major R. Weddell, a product of Hillhurst, read messages from former corps officers, now stationed in many different parts of Canada.

The evening programme was presided over by the Medicine Hat Commanding Officer, Sr.-Captain G. Clarke. Items revealed the brigade's versatility and wide scope of individual talent. Variety was added by the timbrellists, the men's quartette, a women's trio, a piano duet and a cornet solo.

Sunday activities, led by Sr.-Captain Clarke, began with the kneedrill and good attendances were recorded at all meetings. In the afternoon a programme was given by the visiting songster brigade at the Sunset Lodge. This was much appreciated by the residents and staff. L.W.

The Divisional Commander and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel A. Simester conducted seventy-eighth anniversary meetings at Trenton, Ontario (Captain and Mrs. J. Johnson), a quintette from St. Catharines, Ontario, provided special music.

During the Saturday musical festival civic greetings were conveyed by Town Councillor E. Todd and ministerial felicitations by the Rev. J. Payton. Highlights of the vocal and instrumental selections were a cornet solo by Bandmaster G. Dix, and violin solo by Arthur Beard, accompanied by his son, Brian. The Trenton Singing Company and Timbrel Brigade also participated.

In a praise meeting on the Sunday afternoon, items by the quintette were again enjoyed. Long service badges were presented to Corps Cadet Guardian Mrs. A. Walsh, Cradle-Roll Sergeant Mrs. N. Fulford and Corps Treasurer E. Smith. Five new senior soldiers were sworn-in. Lt.-Colonel Simester recalled some of his experience when stationed in Trenton twenty-nine years ago, with Brigadier L. Pindred as his Lieutenant.

A projector and screen, given by an anonymous donor, was dedicated for the use of the young people's corps. An anniversary banquet was held on the Tuesday evening. Five souls sought the Lord during the special meetings.—B.H.

VISITING THE PEOPLE

"DEDICATION Sunday" at North Toronto (Captain and Mrs. C. Burrows) saw the term used in two senses—the usual presentation of a child, which was "given back to God" by its parents, Major and Mrs. K. Rawlins, and the dedication to service of some fifty soldiers of the corps in view of the visitation phase of the Stewardship Plan, which has been operating in the corps for four years. Brigadier P. Lindores, as head of the campaign, took active part in the meetings.

Commissioner W. Dray (R) led on and performed both dedication ceremonies. His Bible messages throughout the day, and Mrs. Dray's participation, were of inspiration. In the afternoon, after lunch together, and a "pep-talk" by Commissioner W. Dalziel (R), the comrades set forth to contact some 300 persons, not only to guide them regarding their personal giving, but to help them spiritually by prayer and Bible reading. Some valuable contacts were made.

The meeting at night was made more interesting by accounts of experiences given by some of those who had taken part in the visitation campaign.

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One thousand prayer-minded Christians to join the Riverdale Corps in daily prayer. Please confirm your intention by letter to: The Commanding Officer, 312 Broadview Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario.



HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!

Tune: "Joy to the world"

HARK, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,

The Saviour promised long;

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne,

And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release

In Satan's bondage held;

The gates of brass before Him burst

The iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,

The wounded soul to cure,

And with the treasures of His grace,

To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,

Thy welcome shall proclaim,

And Heaven's eternal arches ring

With Thy beloved name.

CHRISTIANITY IN THE NEWS

● **SWEDEN**—Baptist young people in Sweden are seeking to raise the equivalent of \$24,000 to send a couple for youth work in the Congo and to bring a Congolese student to Sweden for training in youth leadership. Following two years' study in Sweden, the Congolese will return home to serve as youth leader in the work begun by the Swedish couple. At the present time, the youth organization of the Swedish Baptist Union has a membership of more than 16,000.

● **SOUTH AFRICA**—The Bible Society of South Africa, an associate of the British and Foreign Bible Society, says that the people of South Africa buy more Bibles per head than any other nation on earth. Last year the society sold 250,000 Bibles in sixty languages in South Africa, and the demand is increasing at such a rate that the organization can scarcely cope with all the orders on hand. Since South Africa is a bilingual country, Afrikaans and English, many people buy Bibles in both languages. Other people, the society says, make a habit of buying Bibles in the various African tongues to help them with their language studies.

CHRISTMAS HOME LEAGUER

THE Christmas issue of THE CANADIAN HOME LEAGUER is now on sale. Printed in three colours, it is especially attractive in appearance. A number of able Canadian Salvationist writers have contributed stories, reminiscences, and articles on the Nativity, and the pages are alive with the spirit of the season. Persons of all ages and both sexes will find fascinating reading for the Christmas season in this month's issue.

This magazine for women sells at 15 cents per copy and can be procured from your corps officer or home league. A year's subscription costs \$1.50, available from The Home League Department, The Salvation Army, 20 Albert Street, Toronto 1, Ontario. Correspondence re contents should be addressed to the Editor, 471 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5.

IN THE BELGIAN CAPITAL

THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF LEADS CONGRESS GATHERINGS

A SMART young Dutchman, living in a Salvation Army hostel in Brussels while learning French, was one of twenty-one seekers in the concluding meeting of the Belgian Congress conducted by the Chief of the Staff (Commissioner Erik Wickberg) and Mrs. Wickberg at the Palais des Beaux-Arts in Brussels. The young man had previously been present at part of a meeting in a hostel, but had not otherwise attended an Army meeting and was completely new to the Christian faith.

The Chief of the Staff had spoken

of the unifying power of the Cross of Christ which, though it divided the saved from the unsaved, knew no other boundary. The first seeker responded immediately to the Chief's appeal for decision. Mrs. Commissioner Wickberg, for whom Mrs. Captain John Ord translated, used a personal domestic experience during her only other visit to Brussels to stress the necessity for all to return to their Creator.

Recalling his early officer-days in Belgium, Brigadier Bernard McCarthy, of I.H.Q., who needed no translator, illustrated the wisdom of

starting again at the beginning when one has taken the wrong road. Immediately before the Bible address Captain and Mrs. Ord sang a duet of invitation to "Open the heart to Jesus", and further blessing resulted from items rendered by the Brussels Central Band and Songster Brigade, and Quaregnon Band—which section took part in each meeting.

The day had commenced with much hand-shaking in typical Belgian style as comrade greeted comrade, and there was an atmosphere of expectation as the holiness meeting began. After greeting comrades from distant corps the Territorial Commander, Colonel Muriel Booth-Tucker, read a message from the General before presenting the Chief of the Staff, who delighted the comrades by replying in their own language. His addresses were translated by Major Suzanne Barrell. Mrs. Wickberg also spoke. A small group of less than a dozen representing two small corps bands played delightfully. There were ten seekers.

At the afternoon congress festival "Miss Belgium", in national costume—red blouse, black skirt and yellow apron, the colours of the Belgian flag—welcomed the Chief of the Staff on behalf of the young people and presented to him a miniature flag. She then introduced representatives from each of the nine provinces with their different characteristics. In response the Chief, again beginning in French, used modern scientific discoveries to illustrate the Christian faith, "A Christian is one who witnesses to the reality of the unseen," he said.

The finale was a dramatic presentation which depicted various aspects of the Army's social work in Belgium, where there are now twelve institutions. Immediately following this festival, Salvationists from the Belgian provinces mustered under a covered arcade opposite the building and, with a police escort, marched through the busy streets of Brussels.

STREET-CORNER SOLDIERS

BISHOP PAYS TRIBUTE IN MEETING ADDRESSED BY THE GENERAL

A WARM tribute to the witness of the faithful "little knots of Salvationists at street corners" was paid by the Bishop of Chichester (the Rt. Rev. Roger Plumpton Wilson) before an audience of some 100 friends of The Salvation Army who had gathered from a wide area of West Sussex to meet General Wilfred Kitching at a meeting arranged by Brigadier David MacMillan in Chichester's early eighteenth-century town hall.

The Bishop reminded his audience that these faithful groups were an important part of the Church Militant, for whom daily prayer had been offered in the nearby cathedral for centuries past. There may seem to be an extreme contrast between these Salvationists and the cathedral, he said, but theirs was a simple expression of the Gospel, proclaimed "not within walls but in the high-ways and byways, not behind the barricades but out in the country."

Presiding over the meeting was the Mayor of Chichester, Councillor J. M. Selsby, who referred to happy contacts with Salvationists in the

district. He presented the General, who gave an informative address which included a description of the symbols of the Army and what they represent, and a survey of its evangelistic, educational, medical and social operations around the world.

The general was able to meet some of the little street-corner groups when he conducted a rally in the hall of the Chichester Corps that evening. It was noted that the last time the Army's General visited Chichester was when the Founder conducted a meeting in the city fifty-five years ago.

The General's message was a fitting prelude both to the local intensive evangelical campaign and to the territorial "Teaching Year" in 1963; for he spoke about the importance of the Bible in the life and witness of every Salvationist. Repeatedly holding the Book aloft he showed how it could provide an answer to the deepest needs of mankind. "You cannot read this book carefully and prayerfully," he said, "without seeing in it the kind of person you really are."